

Home Board Adopts \$15 Million Budget

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board adopted a 1972 budget of \$15 million aimed at strengthening the agency's work throughout the United States and for the support of 2,237 homeland missionaries and an Atlanta-based staff of 81 professionals and 108 fulltime employees.

The total budget is \$30,000 less than the 1971 budget, but board officials said they anticipate an increase of about \$50,000 in income during 1972, mostly from special mission offerings.

Arthur B. Rutledge, the board's executive secretary, pointed out that there will be no increase in income from the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program allocations to the board in 1972.

He said, however, that the board expects an increase of about \$50,000 in contributions, primarily through the Annie Armstrong Easter offering for Home Missions. "Our big hope for financial advance in 1972 must lie with the special offering," he said.

The report for 1971, on the other hand, reflected increased income through both the Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong offering. "The board budgeted more than it will receive in 1971," he said. "In reports of progress in reaching this

year's goals, I found frequent statements to the effect that limited funds have precluded the achievement of a particular goal.

"On the other hand, there were statements to the effect that the budgetary tightness has required more careful scrutiny of priorities and more careful budgeting — a definite plus," he observed.

Rutledge said in some departments, such as church extension and language missions, "there have been fruitful efforts to launch new work without board funds."

The language missions department reported 36 such new congregations formed during the first half of the year. The church extension department reported the beginning of 22 church-type missions, involving little expense at this stage, but only six new churches.

"Many of us have been encouraged," Rutledge said, "by what seems to be a spiritual awakening among youth throughout the land, and by a freshly exposed hunger for God. We seem now to have a more favorable climate for effective Christian witnessing among all segments of the population than for several years past."

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Prayer Key Factor In Irwin's Life

LIBERTY, Mo. (BP)—Apollo 15 astronaut James B. Irwin, a Southern Baptist layman, told a William Jewell College achievement day audience here that he had virtually prayed his way through life since a plane crash in the early 1960's.

Irwin, who spoke twice during the Baptist school's program honoring alumni who have attained outstanding achievements, said that prayer has been a key factor in his work as an astronaut, and in his experience on the moon.

A training plane crash which threatened to end his flying career caused a change in his life that made prayer meaningful, the astronaut related.

He recalled that when he regained consciousness from the crash, he asked himself why it happened, why he was spared.

"I was humbled by my plight," he said. "I figured that I was living life too fast and did not fully appreciate all the blessings that were mine."

I prayed for understanding and recovery, and God granted me that understanding and recovery."

Ever since, prayer has been a sustaining factor in his life, Irwin said. Prayer helped him during the arduous years of training for the space program, he continued.

He recalled that he would look at the piles of material on his desk and ask, "Can I ever learn it all?"

He said he prayed daily for God's guidance in learning all the things necessary to becoming an astronaut.

Concerning the Apollo 15 journey, Irwin said the three days on the moon were the most thrilling days of his life, not so much because he was actually on the moon, but because he could feel God's presence.

He recalled that each night as he lay in his hammock in the space craft, he would reflect on the events of the past day and think about the tasks coming up the next day.

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The election of an Executive Committee was one of the principal actions of the post-convention session of the State Convention Board meeting Nov. 30. From left, seated: Rev. J. R. Davis, DeKalb; Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson; Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo; Glenn Perry, Philadelphia. Standing: Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg; Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian; Dr. Harold Bryson, Carthage; Bill Hardy, Kosciusko; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian. (Not shown is Dr. Perry Claxton, Greenville. For positions of each officer see story below.)

Assembly Committee Named

Board Elects '72 Officers

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in its annual post-convention session held in the Baptist Building in Jackson Nov. 30, re-elected its three principal officers for another year, appointed a special committee of seven to expedite the action of the recent

State Convention regarding Gulfshore Assembly and voted to authorize the Executive Committee to nominate a person to fill the office of Executive Secretary-treasurer when such vacancy occurs.

Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, of Tupelo, pastor of Hattiesburg Baptist Church, was re-elected as president.

Rev. J. R. Davis of DeKalb was re-elected as vice-president while Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr. of Hattiesburg was re-named as recording secretary.

The Executive Committee of the Board is composed of the three of-

ficers plus six other members elected by the body. These six are:

Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, (re-elected); Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian, (re-elected); Dr. Harold Bryson, M. F. Rayburn, Meridian, and Dr. Perry Claxton, Greenville.

The president of the Convention, Glenn Perry, Philadelphia, and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention Board, are ex-officio members.

The Board voted that a special committee of seven members be appointed to study means of implementing the action taken at the recent session of the State Convention regarding the future assemblies program.

The recent state Convention voted to re-establish an assembly program as soon as possible, to construct a new facility at Gulfport assembly grounds, Pass Christian, and that construction be authorized as soon as the necessary funds are available, in accordance with the requirements of Article 16, Section 2 of the Convention's Constitution.

Immediately following this action the Convention voted to request the Convention Board to act as soon as possible on the project.

The committee is as follows: Rev. A. Estus Mason, Crystal Springs, chairman; Dr. David Grant, Jackson; Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian; Theron Baldwin, Pontotoc; Rev. Oliver Ladner, Magee; Dr. Perry Claxton, Greenville.

The Board voted that "the Executive Committee of the body, acting as a committee as a whole, shall have the responsibility of nominating to person to fill the office of Executive Secretary-Treasurer, when such vacancy occurs."

The Board voted to request the Executive Committee to study the preparing of a new film-strip and/or motion picture of state Baptist work.

Dr. Hudgins announced the need for emphasis on the increase in the 1972 budget of the Convention Board, as well as the 1972 program of Sunday School enlargement and the 1973 emphasis on Evangelism.

Following the meeting of the Board, the newly-elected Executive Committee met in the Executive Committee room and elected officers.

Dr. Kelly was re-elected as chairman; Dr. Tinnin was named as vice-chairman and Dr. Barnes was re-elected as recording secretary.

Convention Roundup

Race Relations, Baptism Issues Dominate The State Conventions

By the Baptist Press
During annual meetings of 32 Baptist state conventions scheduled in late October and November, two key issues were most prominent: Southern Baptist involvement in race relations, and efforts to restrict state convention membership to churches which practice baptism by immersion only.

These two issues confronted a some form no less than 16 of the 32 state conventions meeting during a six-week period.

Most of the conventions, however, were described by veteran observers as "calm," "peaceful" and "harmonious." The majority of the conventions conducted their business without a ripple of controversy.

Other issues confronting several of the state bodies included such matters as problems relating to operation of Baptist colleges; opposition to legislation proposing a "non-denominational prayer amendment" to the Constitution, and to state-wide legal

ization of gambling, federal aid to parochial schools and to Baptist institutions; and matters of prison reform, drug abuse, and assistance to pastorless churches and churchless pastors.

At least 13 of the state conventions dealt in some way with race relations. Seven of the conventions adopted resolutions expressing "disappointment," "distress," and "varying degrees of opposition to an administrative decision by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to revise a church training quarterly for teenagers, becoming, because of a study unit on racial reconciliation which leaders felt was "subject to misinterpretation."

Eight state conventions urged their churches to intensify efforts at racial reconciliation, advocated rejection of "racism," or emphasized that the gospel is for all people regardless of race.

Two conventions, California and Kentucky, elected blacks as vice-pres-

idents, and in Texas, six black, white and Mexican-American Baptist bodies held a joint, interracial rally at Houston's Astrodome, attracting more than 42,000 people.

On the second major issue — efforts in seven state conventions to limit convention membership to messengers from churches which do not practice alien immersion or open communion — there were no clear trends emerging.

Two conventions, Alabama and North Carolina, refused to adopt proposals to limit convention participation.

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Indo-Pakistani

Missionaries Gather In Dacca As War Expands

RICHMOND (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries in East Pakistan have gathered at the mission compound in Dacca as hostilities mount between the armed forces of India and Pakistan.

Missionaries now in East Pakistan are the James F. McKinleys (Ky.), the Troy C. Bennetts (N. C. and Va.), and the Thomas E. Thurmans (Miss.).

J. Howard Teel (Ala.) arrived in Dacca on Nov. 26, but his family is staying in Bangkok, Thailand. Dr. John D. Freeman (Tex.), missionary to Thailand, arrived in Dacca on Dec. 3 to visit the McKinleys and help in any way possible. He was later unable to leave.

John D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East, received information on the missionaries' whereabouts from William W. Marshall, field representative for the Middle East, on Dec. 6.

Marshall, in Dacca from Dec. 2 to Dec. 4, was evacuated to Karachi,

West Pakistan, and then to Teheran, Iran. From his home in Cyprus, he reported that there had been a bombing in Dacca up until the time he left.

East Pakistan has been torn by civil strife since last March when clashes erupted between troops of the West Pakistani-dominated government and supporters of an independent Bengali state, Bangla Desh.

In early December, India, long-time enemy of Pakistan, openly accused Pakistan of "a new kind of aggression" by forcing millions of refugees into India. By Dec. 6, India had formally recognized the secessionist government of Bangla Desh as the government of East Pakistan, and full-scale attacks were underway.

Marshall told Hughey that all the missionaries were fine although they were tense and tired. All had moved into the mission compound in Dacca, he said, except possibly Thorman and Teel. They had planned to leave Dec.

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Southwestern Receives \$750,000 Anonymous Gift

FORT WORTH (BP)—The board of trustees for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary meeting here for semi-annual session heard reports on the seminary's work, including announcement of a \$750,000 gift.

The \$750,000 contribution is the largest single gift in the history of the seminary, according to Robert E. Naylor, president of the seminary.

A friend of the seminary, who asked that the name of the donor not be disclosed, made the contribution.

Income from the fund has been designated to be used exclusively to pay the cost of construction of a children's building, including its equipment and

furnishings. The building is to be named the Goldia D. and Robert E. Naylor Children's Building.

In major business, the trustees elected a new chairman, granted tenure to three faculty members, promoted another, and voted to participate in a Texas Baptist urban strategy program.

The board also voted to request Assistant to the President John Earl Seelig to reconsider his resignation and to remain on the seminary staff. Seelig had earlier announced his resignation to accept a position as administrative assistant to the president of the First Worth Corp., here.

In response to the board's request, Seelig said that he had reconsidered his resignation and decided to remain with the seminary as assistant to the president.

The trustees elected Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin, as chairman. Elected vice chairman was Dr. Louis Gibson, a medical doctor from Corsicana, Tex.

Three faculty members were granted faculty tenure: John J. Kiwi, professor of historical theology; Farrar Patterson, assistant professor of preaching; and Larry L. Walker, assistant professor of Old Testament.

Jay N. Boo Heflin, instructor in Old Testament, was given faculty status as assistant professor.

The board's building committee reported four buildings with 32 units in the J. Howard Williams Student Village, in addition to a new home for the president, were nearing completion. Occupancy of the student housing units is anticipated for the spring semester.

Building projects for the near future include a children's building, renovation of Price Hall, and a physical fitness building. A complete campus plan for future expansion will be prepared.

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'Christmas Sparkles At Village' Dec. 11

The Baptist Children's Village has extended an invitation to all friends of its children to attend the 7th annual presentation of "Christmas Sparkles at the Village" on Saturday December 11, 1971 at 7:30 p.m.

"Christmas Sparkles—" the annual Christmas choral music concert of the Village's Department of Music, Activities Building on the Village campus on Flag Chapel Drive in Northwest Jackson.

There is no admission charge. Comfortable seating for more than 2,000 guests is available.

Hundreds of Mississippians who have attended each of the previous six concerts presented annually at the Mississippi Baptist child care agency since 1965, acclaim the occasion as heart-warming and uniquely appropriate in its observation of the season.

The audience for the concert, which

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State Board Receives \$114,301 Bequest From Estate Of Late Sue Pickett Drennan

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has received a bequest of \$114,301.43 from the estate of the late Sue Pickett Drennan of Coahoma County.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer, said, in making the announcement to the recent meeting, that \$100,000 of this account had been applied to the Board's short-term financing, which will, over a period of several years, amount to a saving in interest of \$70,000.00.

Dr. Hudgins added that it gave him "great pleasure" to report the above bequest, which he felt would be tremendously appreciated by all Mississippi Baptists.

Laymen Active In Missionaries' Meeting, Seminar



Dr. David J. VanLandingham



Dr. W. Robert Hudgins



Dr. Porter Routh

Three outstanding laymen — two Jackson physicians and the executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville — were among the speakers at the Baptist Orientation and Fellowship Meeting and World Missions Seminary held last week at Camp Garaywa near Clinton.

Associational superintendents of missions and other Baptist leaders from every section of the state were present.

Dr. David J. VanLandingham, Jackson doctor of internal medicine, speaking Wednesday night on the subject of "Stresses of the Minister," said that "any exercise a minister takes under compulsion is not real relaxation."

Continuing, he said: "Real relaxation comes from doing those things

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pation to churches which do not practice alien immersion.

Two others, Arkansas and California, took actions which tended to strengthen current limitations prohibiting participation of such churches in the state convention sessions.

Two other conventions, Indiana and South Carolina, refused to require churches to be affiliated with a local Baptist association in order to send messengers to the state convention. A third convention, Texas, refused to make association affiliation a test for membership on the convention's Executive Board.

While the conventions' actions on membership requirements tended to be inconsistent, there appeared to be uniform increased concern on the state level for intensified Baptist efforts at racial reconciliation, especially in light of the controversy over the revision of the church training quarterly.

Expressing some degree of "distress," "disappointment," or "displeasure" over the withdrawal and revision of becoming were conventions in Kentucky, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, California, and Oregon-Washington.

Most of these conventions went beyond simply expressing "displeasure," by urging their own churches to intensify their efforts at racial reconciliation.

Maryland Baptists, for example, amended their resolution to add a paragraph strongly encouraging "our churches to examine their own attitudes in regard to race so that our preachments will become practices," and urging the churches to open membership to all people regardless of race.

Kentucky Baptists, who elected a black pastor as vice president, reaffirmed "rejection of racial segregation as inherently un-Christian" and reaffirmed "our commitment to racial reconciliation." The South Carolina convention urged its churches to observe a special day of racial reconciliation on Nov. 21.

Southern Baptists in Illinois commended individuals and churches who have "sought ways to bridge prejudicial barriers and reject racism" and praised those who have set examples which would "correct the false label our Southern Baptist Convention and churches have as being racists."

Three conventions adopted resolutions relating to public school integration. Virginia Baptists opposed busing to achieve racial balance, but endorsed open housing as the Christian basis for support of the neighborhood school concept. Texas Baptists also decried racial discrimination in housing, and adopted a strong resolution supporting public school desegregation. North Carolina Baptists urged private schools to comply with the law of the land by opening doors to all races.

In Texas, more than 42,000 black, white and Mexican-American Baptists from six conventions held a joint interracial rally at the Astrodome, which observers said broke down carried stories concerning the withdrawal of becoming, the presidents of the six bodies issued a statement saying the decision failed to reflect "new attitudes of love which have grown at the grass roots of Baptist life."

For the first time, a black minister delivered a major address at the Louisiana convention, and a black evangelist speaking at the Arkansas convention expressed disappointment over the becoming incident in that convention's closing address.

In Georgia, however, the convention refused to instruct trustees of its children's home to implement a three-year policy of accepting children of all races, voting instead to leave this matter to the trustees and administration.

Seven conventions faced the more complicated issues of baptism and requirements for membership in the state convention. No clear trends seemed evident.

Arkansas Baptist, for example, adopted a committee report aimed at ending a four-year controversy by defining the term "regular Baptist church" in the constitution require-

ments for membership as a church which accepts the Southern Baptist Convention's Baptist Faith and Message Statement of 1963, but adopted by a vote of 389-263 an amendment which added that this statement "shall not be interpreted as to permit open communion or alien immersion." The action thus seemed to strengthen limitations against doctrinal diversity in the state.

The California convention refused to delete a constitution requirement prohibiting acceptance of messengers from churches accepting alien immersion. Furthermore, two constitution amendments designed to strengthen this requirement were introduced for voting next year.

In Arkansas, however, three churches which had been denied seats at the convention for four years were accepted this year without protest, while in California, four churches which permit membership by "alien immersion" were denied seats.

In contrast to the Arkansas and California actions, the North Carolina convention defeated a proposal to amend the constitution to exclude churches which accept alien immersion when the amendment failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority.

In Alabama, the convention refused in three different votes to alter its membership requirements so that only churches which practice baptism by immersion would be accepted. It was pointed out, however, that no Southern Baptist congregation in Alabama is known to accept alien immersion.

South Carolina and Indiana Baptists faced the issue from the standpoint of requirements for affiliation with a local association, where such doctrinal battles are most often fought, as a test for convention membership.

A constitution amendment in South Carolina which would have required affiliation with an association was defeated, but a constitution change was proposed for a vote next year which would specify churches must practice baptism exclusively by immersion for membership. The South Carolina convention also defeated a motion to deny seats to messengers from First Baptist Church, Greenwood, S. C., which was ousted from the local association last year for its baptism policies.

Indiana Baptists voted to delete a stipulation from its constitution which required membership in a local association for churches to attend the state convention.

In Texas, messengers voted down an effort to delete the nomination of pastor from a Lubbock church to the state Executive Board. The controversy arose because the Lubbock church is not a member of a local association due to its alien immersion policies.

Arguments in the debates at the seven conventions had similar sounds. Those in favor of convention requirements against alien immersion or membership requirements argued that from a scriptural basis immersion is the only form acceptable, and that anything less is not in keeping with Baptist doctrine.

Opponents, however, contended that such requirements were an infringement upon local church autonomy to set doctrinal policies, and that one Baptist body cannot determine what another autonomous Baptist body can or cannot do.

The issue, however, does not appear to be settled in many of the conventions, and may crop up again.

An issue which surfaced in dozens of state conventions during the 1960's—federal aid to Baptist schools and hospitals—confronted only two conventions this year, Texas and North Carolina. Other problems relating to Baptist schools and institutions faced seven conventions.

Texas Baptists turned down a request for federal loans and grants to their hospitals by a vote of 1,466 to 724, almost the same margin as action two years ago on a request for government loans to Texas Baptist schools.

In North Carolina, the convention refused to amend the constitution to require convention approval of all government-funded programs at Baptist institutions, leaving such decisions to its General Board.

Texas Baptists voted to release from convention ownership and operation a school and a hospital—the Memorial Baptist Hospital System of Houston, and the University of Corpus Christi. The school last year received a government loan to help rebuild after Hurricane Celia, but did not receive convention approval.

Georgia Baptists authorized a debt retirement program for the now-defunct Norman Junior College, Norman Park, Ga., and voted to create a new Baptist assembly on the campus. Mississippi Baptists also voted to construct a new assembly to replace one destroyed by Hurricane Camille.

Efforts to consolidate three schools in Kentucky, and a move to close an academy in Tennessee, both were referred to committee for study. Efforts to sever ties between the Florida Baptist Convention and Stetson University, and to cut financial support from Furman University by the South Carolina convention were soundly defeated.

Four state conventions approved plans of proposals to establish a new program of assisting churches seeking staff members, and pastors and staff members seeking a place of service in churches.

Texas Baptists approved employment of a coordinator of counseling services for ministers and their families and establishment of a computerized church staff information service. Virginia authorized a similar position, and Illinois defeated an effort from the floor to rescind plans approved by the state board to create an information service. Florida Baptists voted to study establishing such a program.

On religious liberty and church-state relations, seven conventions adopted resolutions opposing governmental financial aid to parochial secondary and elementary schools, and seven conventions opposed efforts in Congress to adopt a "non-denominational prayer amendment" to the U.S. Constitution, or commended Congressmen who voted against the amendment.

In other resolutions, eight conventions opposed state-wide efforts at legalized gambling; six conventions issued statements opposing some aspect relating to alcoholic beverages; five conventions urged Baptist concern and efforts at prison reform; and several others resolved on drug abuse, abortion, pornography, and other issues.

Two conventions adopted resolutions relating to a theological controversy on the national level of the denomination, and the Indiana convention defeated two proposals aimed at censoring "liberal" professors at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

By a margin of only 24 votes, Virginia Baptists expressed their "favor (of) the freedom of Broadman Press to print whatever will meet the needs of cooperating churches." The motion was referring to decisions by the Southern Baptist Convention to recall and rewrite the Broadman Bible Commentary because it was not consistent with the conservative views of the majority of the messengers.

Maryland Baptist deplored "the tragic and unnecessary controversy" over the commentary, but commended selection of Southern Seminary professor Clyde Francisco to rewrite the commentary.

Most of the convention sessions were characterized by observers as harmonious and peaceful, with the emphasis on conducting the work of the conventions and evangelism and missions. Even those where the issues of race relations and baptism questions sparked national interest in most cases could fit those descriptions.

Sunday School Board Plans

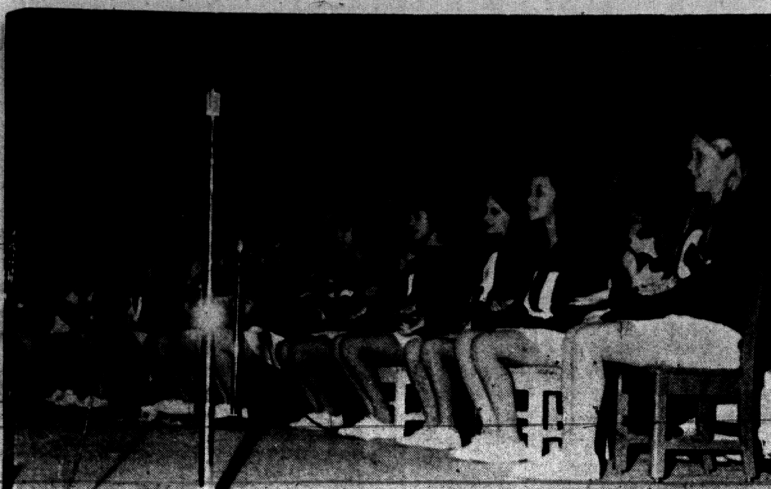
Small Church Seminar

NASHVILLE — "Fundamentals of Church Administration for a Small Church" will be the topic of a seminar at the Church Program Training Center, Jan. 24-27, 1972, at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"This seminar will be practical and fundamental to administering the program of a small church," Joe Hinkle, consultant, church administration department, Sunday School Board and seminar director, said.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Carey Church (Marshall): Nov. 19-21; youth-led revival; the evangelist was Larry Willard, music led by Jimmy Nance, three additions by letter; several re-dedications; Rev. James Nance, pastor.



A CHORUS of Junior girls perform in a musical skit at the 1970 presentation of "Christmas Sparkles at the Village", the widely-acclaimed concert of Christmas music which will be presented at The Baptist Children's Village on Saturday, December 11, 1971.

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has grown in size each year, was estimated at 20,000 persons in 1970.

According to plans revealed by Mrs. Jan Nix, Director of the Department of Music on the Village staff, a mixed choir of 135 children, ranging in age from 3 to 18 years will present the 1971 concert on December 11.

Mrs. Nix stated that one-half of the evening's program will feature the large choir of children in sacred music of the season, while the remainder of the concert will feature popular Christmas music, accompanied by choral skits and acts of the type which have delighted those attending "Christmas Sparkles at the Village" through the years.

"The Treble Teens," "The Villag-

ers" and "The Teen Choir," choral aggregations of teen-aged Village young people, well-known through hundreds of appearances at Baptist churches and conventions in the state, will be included in the giant children's choir.

Music, both choral and instrumental, used as spiritual and emotional therapy, has been a vital part of the multi-service child care ministry at The Baptist Children's Village for 10½ years. Superintendent Paul N. Nunery has joined Mrs. Nix in the announcement of the 1971 Christmas concert which emphasizes that "Christmas Sparkles at the Village" represents an effort by the children at the Village to say "thank-you" to their friends.

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The Division of Associational Services, created last year through reorganization of the board, will receive nearly \$1.2 million.

The Division of Church Loans, authorized in August to expand loan activity to the entire nation instead of confining its work to "new territory" (state conventions organized since 1940), will operate under a \$1.9 million budget.

More than a half-million dollars will go to the Division of Evangelism. The Evangelism Division is presently studying the possibility of cooperating with the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission in producing a series of evangelistic programs for television.

"The board would control program content and provide funds," Rutledge said. "This project has such high potentialities and lies so close to the central reason for this board's existence, that we should seek to find the funds for this extensive range of this

secretary in the department since 1965.

Ceiling on Church Loans Raised
The ceiling on loans from the Board to building churches was raised to \$125,000 during the annual meeting of the board of directors for the mission agency.

Robert H. Kilgore of Atlanta, director of the Division of Church Loans for the board, said the increase from \$100,000 reflects the demand of churches for larger loans to meet the higher costs of building.

He said funds were in sight to meet all expected 1972 needs, and he did not expect the larger loans to result in fewer churches served.

Griffith, Cummins Honored
The board paid tribute here to two of its division directors who are retiring at the end of the year after more than 35 combined years of service.

The board honored L. O. Griffith, director of the Division of Communi-

Other budgeted areas include planning and coordination section, \$210,000; department of survey and special studies, \$68,000; Division of Chaplaincy, \$214,000; Division of Business Services, \$1.9 million; Division of Communication, \$725,520; and Division of Personnel, \$273,000.

Bingham, Sapp Named
The Board elected Robert E. Bingham of Atlanta and James Sapp of Washington to key positions on its executive staff here.

Bingham was named executive assistant over the program services section of the agency; Sapp was elected director of the Division of Communication.

The appointment of E. Warren Woolf as director of the Board's Division of Personnel was among several staff promotions made by the agency in its annual fall meeting here.

Woolf, now secretary of the department of missionary personnel for the board, will assume his new post Jan. 1, 1972. He will succeed Glendon McCullough, who resigned to become executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

Cecil D. Etheredge was named to succeed Woolf as secretary of the department of missionary personnel. Etheredge has served as associate

W. Cummins, director of the Division of Chaplaincy for the past 10 years.

Engraved plaques and resolutions of appreciation were presented to Griffith and Cummins during the board's administrative committee meeting here. Home Mission Board Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge expressed appreciation for their "work and their devotion to Christ."

Griffith, a native of Kentucky, has spent the last 20 years of his life promoting communication of the mission work of the board. He joined the board staff in 1951 as director of promotion from a position as assistant to the state executive secretary in Kentucky.

"The Lord has given me so many unique mission opportunities," Griffith said. "I don't plan to retire. I plan to do some of the things I've been wanting to do—I used to supply and preach in revivals; I'm far behind on my preaching."

In earlier years Griffith served more than 20 years in pastorates in the Kentucky mountains. He obtained his start in communications there with a camera photographing mountain people eager to have their children "in pictures."

Like Griffith, Cummins is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary, and received an

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one does not necessarily have to do and things one enjoys doing as well. "One cause of stress on the part of a minister is his many and varied duties, especially those that deal with the emotions.

"A person under stress should withdraw and rest occasionally. Even Jesus knew the value of such a practice.

"Many of the illnesses that strike a person, including the minister, are the result of his own abuse of his own body.

"Prolonged exposure to stress can cause a person to become seriously ill, sometimes disabled and in extreme cases can cause his destruction.

"The best way to avoid emotional stress is to get right with God and your fellowman."

Dr. W. Robert Hudgins, Jackson neuro surgeon, told the group Thursday night that "the minister can be especially helpful to the doctor in working with families where there is a member who is seriously ill, particularly with a malignancy."

Dr. Hudgins, speaking on the subject of "Minister - Physician Relationships," continuing, said:

"One of the real problems a physician faces is when and how much to tell a patient who apparently has only a short time to live.

"There is no set rule. Some doctors wait for the patient to ask, but some patients never do and do not seem to want to know the extent of their illness.

"Many patients with a known malignancy seem to be more concerned with how much they will suffer than with the fact that they have a malignancy.

"Physicians have a real problem in treating patients who are in pain, because the pain is sometimes real and often times psychological.

"A minister can be especially helpful when a patient continually asks 'why do I suffer so?'"

Dr. Porter Routh, of Nashville, the executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the SBC, speaking on "World Missions Outreach," told the group Friday night that "a basic principle of missionary outreach is the reaching of the individual for involvement in the Kingdom cause."

Further, he declared: "A person's philosophy of missionary outreach must be based on a sound theological foundation.

"There is a need somehow for a new awareness of reality of God through Jesus Christ.

"To many people today science is a god, but many scientists are becoming more theological than some of us.

"If we could truly believe in the Lordship of Christ we could more easily find the will of God for our lives and missionary outreach."

Other out-of-town speakers were Rev. Melvin E. Torstrick, associate secretary for missionary personnel, of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. and Dr. Russell Bennett, assistant director of field services, of

Several state leaders were also on program.

The meeting is sponsored annually by the Cooperative Missions Department Dr. Foy Rogers, director.

Temple H'Burg Deacon Dies

Upon the recent death of Bryce J. McMahan, Hattiesburg realtor and contractor, the pastor and deacons of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, adopted a resolution of tribute to his life.

In part, the tribute stated, "Whereas God has chosen to elevate him at an early age to his reward, and whereas as Bryce made far-reaching contributions to our city, we express thanks to God for allowing us to be the recipients of innumerable blessings emanating from Bryce J. McMahan's Christian witness.

"His orientation toward and involvement in care for the sick and elderly resulted in increase 'extended care units' across the state. His leadership abilities were recognized and utilized by local and state officials. He gave invaluable assistance in the planning, construction, and payment of Temple Church's facilities and served at one time or another in almost every position open to a layman in his church, including service as an active deacon. He possessed a keen sense of humor and wit, often easing tensions in difficult situations."

Rev. Kermit McGregor is the Temple pastor.

honorary doctorate from Georgetown College. He also received a doctor of laws degree from Atlanta Law School. Cummins assumed his position as director of the chaplaincy division in 1961. Previously, he was the division's associate director for six years. Before coming to Atlanta, Cummins served as superintendent of western missions in Salt Lake City, Utah, and as associate missionary in the San Diego, Calif., County Association. In 1942, Cummins went into the U. S. Naval Reserve. Also, as a chaplain, he has served in hospitals, correctional, and industrial situations.

Theological Training

Is Provided

Through The

Cooperative Program



Education Commission Elects Officers

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION elected new officers for the coming year at its meeting held last week at the Baptist Building in Jackson. From left to right: Dr. J. B. Young, Ellisville, vice-chairman (re-elected), Dr. Levon Moore, Pontotoc, chairman, and Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton, recording secretary (re-elected).



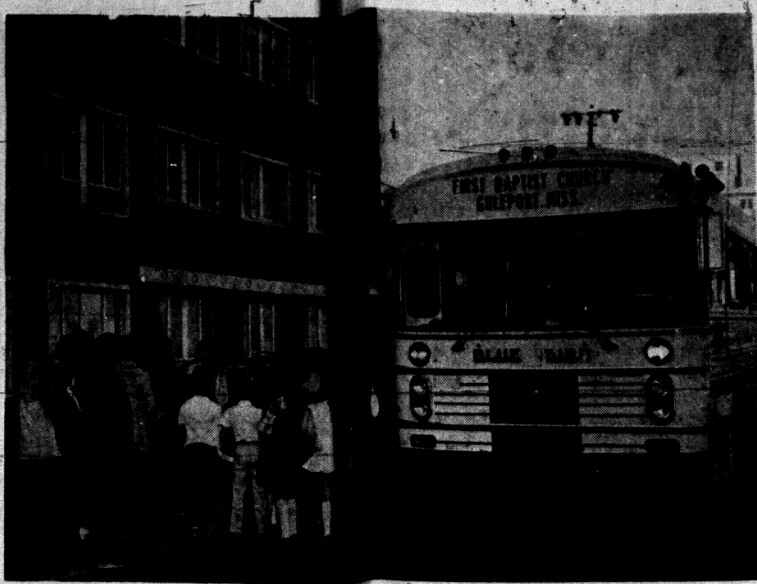
Dixie Church Dedicates Auditorium

Dixie Church, Hattiesburg, held dedication services for their new auditorium and the first unit of education space recently.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was the guest speaker. Dr. Joel Ray, Supt. of Missions, Lebanon Association, delivered the invocation. Rev. R. C. Woodham, former pastor, led in the dedication prayer. Open house was held during the afternoon.

The new auditorium is the third one to be built since the church was organized in 1922. During the first month in the new building there were 39 additions to the church, 28 by baptism and 11 by letter.

Rev. Marcus Smith is pastor.



Four Buses In Use At 1st, Gulfport

Dr. John H. Traylor, pastor of First Church, Gulfport, greets Sunday School members as they alight from one of four buses in use in the bus ministry of the Coast church. During the past months an average of more than 120 per Sunday have been transported to the church from outlying areas. More than ten workers are involved in this expanding ministry which promises even greater attendance in the future.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, Hinds-Madison Association, Jackson, concluded their November 7, morning service with ground-breaking for an activities building. The pastor, Rev. Joe L. Hasson, is pictured with members of the building committee during the ceremony. Left to right are: H. L. Hutson; I. G. Purvis; C. C. Causey, general chairman; Walter E. Hasting; P. A. Blackwell, deacon chairman; Willie Makamson; the pastor; G. G. Brock; Roy B. Sullivan; Marilyn Holder, contractor; Everett Spivey, building plans sub-committee chairman; Mrs. W. H. Kemp; Mrs. H. L. Hutson; and Mrs. E. M. Rawson.

Emmanuel Breaks Ground For Activities Building

Emmanuel Church, Jackson, concluded the morning worship service on November 7, with ground breaking for an activities building.

various large meetings such as cru-sades, associational meetings and area functions.

It is estimated that the building will be valued at approximately \$110,000; however, a laymen of the church is general contractor and proposes to build it for about \$50,000 which will be a "miracle sum."

The completion target date is April 30, 1972, when the church has traditional "Homecoming Day." An evangelistic crusade is to be held in the gymnasium during May, 1972.

The Emmanuel Church is located in West Jackson at 4404 Sagamore Street with Rev. Joe L. Hasson as pastor. The general chairman of the building committee is C. C. Causey, and Everett Spivey is chairman of the building plans sub-committee with Vance Richardson as chairman of the building finance sub-committee.

Missionaries Gather in Dacca As War Expands

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5 for a three-day trip to Faridpur. Hughey and Marshall agreed that in view of the turn of events, the trip had probably not been made.

Marshall said that missionaries were regularly keeping in touch with the American consulate and the 40 to 50 other Americans in Dacca.

A U. S. State Department spokesman told Hughey that an evacuation flight had gotten within 30 miles of Dacca on the morning of Dec. 6 when the Pakistani army asked that it be called off due to damage to the Dacca airport.

Another evacuation flight was planned for Dec. 7, the spokesman told Hughey, but meanwhile other attacks were made on the Dacca airstrip.

Marshall said the missionaries have a two-to-three week food and fuel supply. The gasoline supply is already exhausted in Dacca, he said, and other fuel would probably be gone within a few days.

If the missionaries do decide to leave East Pakistan, Marshall continued, they will want to do so all together and not one by one.

In a letter dated Nov. 6, Thurman

had reported resuming work on a limited scale at the Christian Industrial Center in Faridpur. No new students had been accepted for the year, but 14 of last year's class of 35 returned to complete work lost during the last session.

Although greatly limited in their work since fighting began last March, the missionaries have continued to act as friends and counselors to individuals and through the Pakistan Baptist Churches which continue to function, Hughey said. "This has been their primary reason for remaining," he added.

Three of the four missionary families assigned to East Pakistan do not have re-entry permits, Hughey said. "If they leave the country, they must stay out. The missionaries have been assured repeatedly of Foreign Mission Board backing in their decision to stay or leave," Hughey added, "but their courage and devotion have not faltered."

Through the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptists have appropriated \$20,000 for East Pakistan. Missionaries have been permitted by authorities to become actively involved in only a limited amount of relief operations.

The Thurmans reported that \$1,115 of the money, supplied by Southern Baptists has been used by churches in the Faridpur District. During November, 250 blankets were to be purchased in preparation for the forthcoming cool season.

An additional \$10,000 has been earmarked for a cholera treatment program. Hughey says that the missionaries still have on hand funds supplied by the Foreign Mission Board, individuals and other groups. They also understand that they can request

other funds when they find they can be used effectively, Hughey said.

Missionaries report that Australian and New Zealand Baptists are underwriting most of the expenses for 200 low-cost houses. "Whether or not the work is completed immediately is questionable but at least it has been begun," reported James McKinley.

"The dimension of the tragedy of Pakistan is the greatest I have witnessed anywhere," Hughey said. "We do not know what lies in the immediate future but there will, without a doubt, be great need in that part of the world for a long time. Southern Baptists must be ready to do what they can to help," he added.

Southwestern Receives \$750,000 Anonymous Gift

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sented during the March trustees' meeting, the committee reported.

Trustees voted to participate in an urban strategy program adopted in October by the Baptist General Convention of Texas by providing professors, facilities, and library resources for the program. The state-wide effort stresses evangelism, church growth, and development of training and support programs for churches to minister more effectively in urban areas.

Smith, the new chairman of the board and also chairman of the faculty and curriculum committee, brought a progress report on the new doctor of ministry degree to be initiated in the fall of 1972. Specific recommendations on the degree will be presented

continuing devotion manifested by these friends of the seminary," Naylor said.

Estimated cost of the new children's building is \$500,000, with construction anticipated to begin in 1972. Preston Geren Architects are finalizing plans for the building.

The building will provide modern nursery facilities, day school and kindergarten programs for pre-school children of seminary families. A laboratory for students as a clinical and research training center in childhood religious education will be the major function of the building.



Pastor's Briefcase On The Trace?

Rev. Harris Counce, pastor of Iuka Church, reports an unusual event that happened to him following the November meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He would like to know the names of his benefactors so that he might thank them!

After attending the convention in Jackson, Mr. Counce, enroute home, lost his briefcase.

Two messengers to the convention found the briefcase in the woods near the Natchez Trace and turned it in at the Trace headquarters in Tupelo.

Since Trace rangers from the Tupelo station often travel through Iuka, they personally delivered the briefcase to Pastor Counce's home, and reported that it was turned in by "two messengers to the convention."

Mr. Counce says, "I paused at a rest area on the Trace to rearrange the contents in my station wagon which had slid forward during a quick stop. In the re-arranging, I must have left the briefcase on the ground at the rest area."

At any rate, he greatly appreciated the favor done him, and would like to know who showed him this kindness.

Widely Known Mississippians Release Album

The Lord Gave Me A Song (Record Album) featuring Soprano Dawn Taylor Gandy, accompanied by Josephine Bryan (order album from Mrs. R. B. Gandy, 106 Lockley Circle, Hattiesburg, Ms. 39401 or Mrs. Clyde Bryan, P. O. Box 10684, Jackson, Ms. 39209). This recording of Mrs. Gandy reveals her superb vocal artistry as she proclaims Christ and the gospel message with a sincere warmth and clarity that will give you a spiritual thrill. The recorded selections are some of the proven favorite hymns, gospel songs, and sacred songs.

Russian Baptist Leader Dies

MOSCOW — Rev. Alexander Vasilovich Karev, a leader of 500,000 Soviet Baptists for nearly 50 years, died at 77 of a circulatory disorder of the brain, according to Tass, the Soviet news agency. Mr. Karev was general secretary of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians (Baptists), the only officially recognized Baptist body in the USSR. (RNS photo)

Prayer Key Factor

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When he would talk to God, everything would become clear, and he would feel closeness to God, Irwin said.

The astronaut said he firmly believes that finding the so-called "Genesis rock" was akin to "divine guidance."

He said the rock was on a formation similar to a pedestal, just as if it were lying on a hand reaching up as if to say, "Here I am, take me."

Irwin is a member of the Nassau Bay Baptist Church, Houston.

Briar Hill Gives \$749 To Mission Offering

Briar Hill Church in Rankin County had a goal of \$300 for its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Last Sunday the church went over the top and gave a total of \$749 for the cause.

Heart Researcher On MC Faculty

A man has to really enjoy his work to be willing to climb sixty steps every day just to get to his office.

Dr. Jerry Cannon, assistant professor of chemistry at Mississippi College and Mississippi Heart Association research fellow, is that type of man.

Dr. Cannon treks up those stairs several times a day enroute to his office on the top floor of the Hederman Science Building at Mississippi College.

Dr. Cannon is researching open-chain analogs of digitals under a post-doctorate fellowship sponsored by the Mississippi Heart Association in cooperation with Mississippi College.

His research grant is one of eight fellowships sponsored by the Heart Association totalling \$52,000. There are six fellowships at the University Medical Center and one at the University of Mississippi in addition to the one at Mississippi College.

Dr. Cannon is primarily concerned with finding potential new drugs related to digitals compounds which would be used in the treatment of certain cardiovascular disorders.

Although his work is interesting and he enjoys every minute of it, there have been some problems. One came last month.

Dr. Cannon worked during the month making a yellowish compound he needed as the starting material for some reactions. One of the ingredients in the compound is secured from the bark of a tree in Africa and used by the natives there to poison their darts.

Since it is not sold on the market, Dr. Cannon had to find a source of supply.

Accommodations on Gulf Coast EVANGELISM CONFERENCE February 7-9, 1972

HOTELS, MOTELS AND TOURIST COURTS ON THE BEAUTIFUL MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST	Name of facilities listed in order of location going from West to East.	Telephone Number	Number of Units	The rates listed below are subject to seasonal change and should be verified with each accommodation.		
				RATES PER DAY		
				Single, Occ. Per Night	Double Two Persons	Each Add'l Person
Hamack Inn	804-8818	96	\$11.00	\$14.00	\$2.00	
Burns Motel	803-1847	18	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$1.50	
Moody's Motel & Cottages	804-1361	112	\$7.00	\$7.50	\$2.00	
Downs Motel - opening late summer, 1969	804-4850	150	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$3.00	
GULFPORT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE						
Sea Crest Motel	809-6099	9	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$2.00	
Beach Court	804-3221	12	\$10.00	\$10.00		
Sahara Motel	803-3707	34	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$2.00	
Oaklawn Motel	803-1340	15	\$6.00	\$14.00	\$2.00	
Coast Motel	803-4994	12	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$2.00	
Fairchild's Hotel Court	803-5606	54	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$2.00	
Paradise Point Cottages	803-9451	40	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$1.00	
Deep South Motel	803-8071	30	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$3.00	
Sea Isles Hotel Court	804-1801	35	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$2.00	
Walter Place Hotel Court	803-8153	32	\$10.00	\$16.00	\$2.00	
Worth Motor Lodge	803-2397	34	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$2.00	
Confederate Inn Motel	803-4595	50	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$2.00	
Sea Gull Tourist Court	803-2330	40	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$2.00	
Cabana Gardens Motel	803-0751	25	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$1.00	
Twin Star Motel	804-3884	34	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$2.00	
Biloxi Downowner (Under Construction)						
Balmoral Apartment Motel	438-9170	10	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$8.00	
WALTON/SHAWNEE Inn	438-5111	100	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$2.00	
Holiday Inn of America	435-4551	269	\$13.00	\$16.00	\$2.00	
Broadwater Beach Hotel	435-2211	300	\$17.00	\$20.00	\$3.00	
Sheraton Inn - opening May, 1970	803-7322	300	\$15.00	\$22.00	\$3.00	
Cabana Beach Motel	432-2531	60	\$6.00	\$10.50	\$3.00	
Sun-N-Sand Resort Hotel	432-1551	175	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$2.00	
Ko-Ko Beach Motel	435-5192	22	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$1.00	
Shoreleigh Motel	436-9606	16	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$2.00	
Schenck's Motel	436-4075	21	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$2.00	
Emerald Beach Motel	435-3251	62	\$11.00	\$14.00	\$3.00	
Belmar Motel	436-4384	25	\$8.00	\$14.00	\$2.00	
Travel Inn Motel	432-3621	45	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$2.00	
Sun Kist Motel	436-3719	14	\$13.00	\$15.00	\$2.00	
Flamingo Motel	432-6866	28	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$3.00	
Swan Motel	432-2986	41	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$2.00	
Delux Motel	432-3100	22	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$3.00	
White House Motel	436-4343	150	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$2.50	
Light House Motel	436-4203	18	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$1.50	
The Duane Vista Hotel & Motel	432-5511	350	\$10.00	\$14.00	\$3.00	
Oak Manor Motel	432-1810	34	\$10.00	\$14.00	\$2.00	
Bungalow Motel	432-3551	38	\$6.00	\$9.50	\$2.00	
Sun Tan Motel	432-8641	41	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$3.00	
Riviera Hotel	436-4397	50	\$4.75	\$6.50	\$2.00	
Town House Motel	436-9162	26	\$6.00	\$14.00	\$2.00	
Beach Manor Motel	436-4361	48	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$2.00	
Gulf Hills Dude Ranch (American Plan)	875-4311	80	\$16.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	

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EDITORIAL

Strange Issue Disturbs Baptists

What is a strange issue for Baptists, has created problems in some of the Southern Baptist state conventions this year. Baptism and the Lord's Supper problems brought tensions in more than one convention.

The roundup of the meetings found elsewhere in this issue of the Record reveals that California, Arkansas, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina all dealt with one or both of these issues. The same issues may have been indirectly involved in efforts in some other states to limit convention representation to churches which were members of local associations.

The most serious debate, and the most far-reaching decision, was in North Carolina, where, unbelievably, the problem was "sprinkling" being recognized as baptism. In that state a motion was made to change the constitution so as not to allow the seating of messengers from churches which have adopted the practice of accepting as members persons from other denominations who are professed believers, but have only sprinkling as "baptism." Several churches in the state are reported to have adopted such a practice.

The motion failed to carry even though a majority favored it. The vote was 1245 for the motion and 1078 against it, but this was short of the two-thirds vote required for amending the constitution. The question of whether the matter actually is settled is raised by the vote itself, and by announcement made at the convention concerning a related motion which will be presented at next year's convention.

Autonomy

From the letters and articles which were published in *The Biblical Recorder*, North Carolina Baptist publication, and in the public press, prior to the recent convention, it appears that most of the opposition was based upon the argument that the convention has no right to interfere with the "autonomy of the local church, and has no right to set up a 'creedal' requirement for membership. It also was intimated that since each church is autonomous, other Baptists have no right to interfere with their practices.

We have no desire to become involved in the North Carolina debate, but since this is an issue which could spread to other states, and could become an issue even in Mississippi, we feel that the problem should be faced squarely now, lest some church in this area become ensnared by it, and our own fellowship disturbed by such action.

Does a Baptist church have such autonomy that it can change its doc-

trinal position concerning baptism, and begin to accept sprinkling as baptism? If it does adopt such a practice, must conventions and associations keep hands off, and continue to receive the messengers in full fellowship? Is such action of no concern to other churches?

These are not questions of simple answer, but to say that the church is autonomous and the convention or association cannot set creedal requirements concerning them is only half-truth. They are true, in that each church most certainly is autonomous and it alone can determine its own affairs. No Baptist will disagree with this. However, at the same time, associations and conventions also are autonomous, and they have a right to determine what their fellowship or membership will be. As to the last question, while each church is free, and autonomous, it does have a relationship with other churches through the exchange of membership letters, and therefore does have a responsibility for how its actions effect other churches.

Dilemma

To see how the association or convention is involved let us consider the dilemma that is presented by this autonomy issue. EITHER THE CONVENTION OR ASSOCIATION DOES HAVE THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE ITS OWN MEMBERSHIP OR IT DOES NOT. If it does not, then any church, espousing any doctrinal position, can decide that it wishes to cooperate with the organization, and its messengers must be seated. This opens the door for Roman Catholics, Mormons, Presbyterians, Methodists or any other group calling itself a church, to send messengers to be seated in the Baptist meeting. If it be argued that this is an absurdity, and such messengers would not be seated since they are not Baptists, then it must be conceded that the Baptist organization DOES have the autonomy of determining its own membership. If it does, then it has the right to say whether it will seat messengers from churches which it feels have departed from the Baptist position on baptism.

Is Sprinkling Baptism?

There is a second dilemma, which may not especially involve the convention as such, but which, nevertheless, is present. SPRINKLING OF BELIEVERS EITHER IS NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM OR IT IS NOT. If it is New Testament baptism then every Baptist church should not only receive it but also should practice it. A church hardly appears to be consistent which accepts, as baptism, the sprinkling of believers by other denominations, but itself refuses to practice sprinkling. If baptism, then it should not be recognized as such, no matter how sincere may be the person who has re-

ceived it. Through several centuries Baptists have refused to recognize sprinkling as baptism, and this is one of the distinctives which sets them apart as a separate denomination. They believe that New Testament baptism is the immersion of a believer. That is the general practice of Baptists today, and we are of the opinion that it would be most difficult to convince most Baptists that sprinkling ever is New Testament baptism. Have, then, these churches which are accepting sprinkling as baptism, departed from the New Testament faith, or were earlier Baptists, and the other millions of Baptists of today all in error? We are of the opinion that the vast majority of Baptists are going to continue to hold and practice the immersion of believers as the New Testament position, from the New Testament.

Other Churches

There is still the matter of whether other churches have any right to raise the issue. Theoretically, they do not, since every church IS autonomous. However, Baptist churches do exchange membership letters, and therein other churches become involved when any individual church departs from the general practice. Suppose a member from a church which does accept sprinkling comes by letter to a church which does not. Suppose that it is one of those persons who has only sprinkling as baptism, and he comes by letter in good standing from the sister church. That problem is raised is clearly seen, so churches are involved, when sister churches depart from the generally accepted Baptist position.

One of the most serious disturbances of this century among Kentucky Baptists was caused by a Kentucky Baptist institution, Georgetown College, electing as president, a man who came by letter to a Kentucky Baptist church from a church in Indiana, but had joined that church on his Christian Church immersion (alien immersion). The battle continued through several conventions sessions, and was settled only when this man resigned as president of the college. This reveals how that other churches and even conventions are involved when churches depart from the generally accepted Baptist practice.

Importance

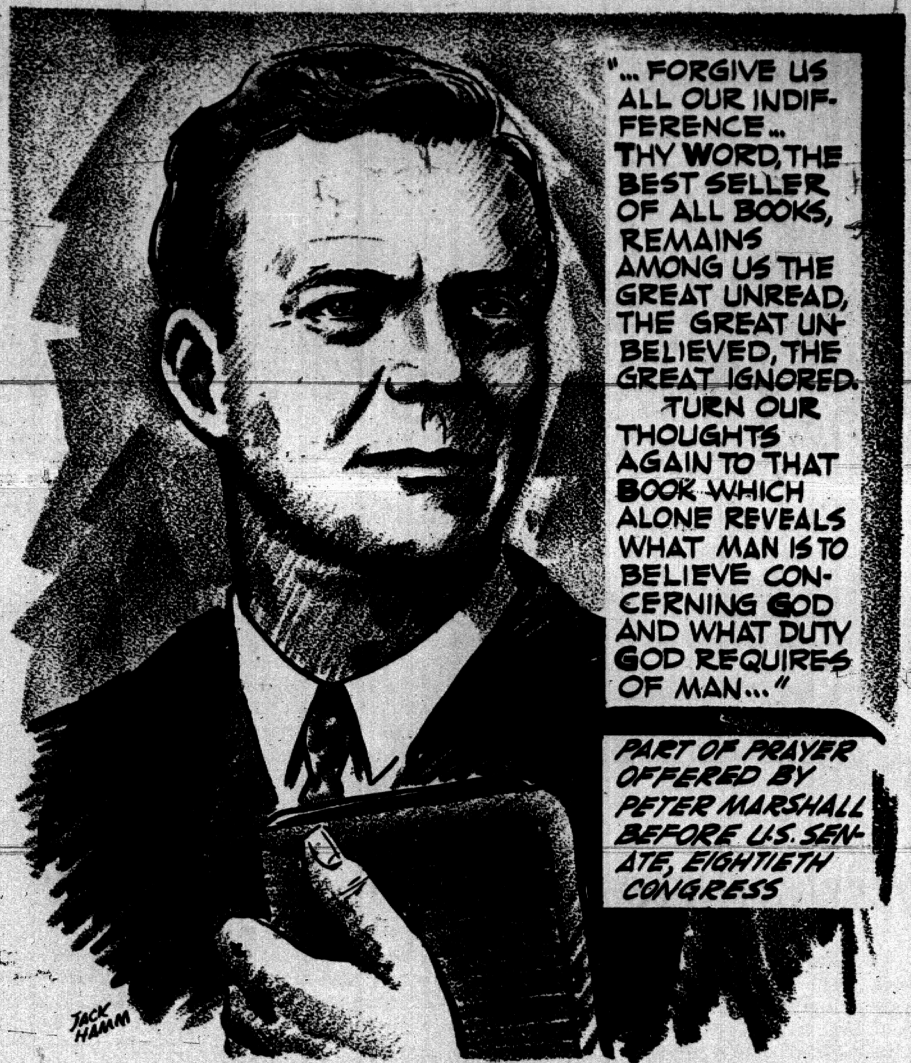
Some may argue that this is not an important issue, but we would answer made from clear New Testament teaching, the issue is of importance to most Baptists. They want to follow the New Testament in all that they do. We pray that our Baptist churches will determine to do just that, and that this issue will not become a major problem in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Such issues can be settled only in love and fellowship, blended with a complete and unswerving loyalty to the New Testament. This has been the course of the Southern Baptist Convention, and we hope it will continue to be the policy for all the years to come.

On The MORAL SCENE...

Studies have shown that a child spends more hours watching television before he goes to kindergarten than a student spends in the classroom in four years of college, an Arizona pediatrician said recently. Dr. Gerald L. Looney of the University of Arizona, Tucson, told the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics that a pre-kindergarten child spends about 64% of his waking time before a television set. At most colleges, 16 classroom hours a week is considered a full load. This comes to far less time in the classroom than before the TV set if the 64% figure is correct and assuming the average child is awake more than 25 hours a week. Looney cited television research studies which have found that: (1) By age 14, a child has seen 18,000 human beings killed on television; (2) By the time a child gets through high school, he has spent 11,000 hours in the classroom while watching television for 22,000 hours, during which time he has seen 350,000 commercials; and (3) There are 100 million television sets in the United States, with 95% of homes having at least one. —(The Sunday Showcase, 10-31-71)

CHICAGO (UPI) — Smokers who are cured of cancer of the mouth and throat and who quit smoking have less chance of contracting cancer than those who continue their habit, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* reported recently. A study of 203 smokers who had been "cured" of cancer of the mouth and throat revealed only six percent of those who quit contracted a second cancer, the *Journal* said. Forty percent of those who continued smoking developed second cancer. —(The Houston Post, 10-26-71)



"... FORGIVE US ALL OUR INDIFFERENCE... THY WORD, THE BEST SELLER OF ALL BOOKS, REMAINS AMONG US THE GREAT UNREAD, THE GREAT UNBELIEVED, THE GREAT IGNORED. TURN OUR THOUGHTS AGAIN TO THAT BOOK WHICH ALONE REVEALS WHAT MAN IS TO BELIEVE CONCERNING GOD AND WHAT DUTY GOD REQUIRES OF MAN..."

PART OF PRAYER OFFERED BY PETER MARSHALL BEFORE U.S. SENATE, EIGHTIETH CONGRESS

THUS HE BESOUGHT GOD

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Reminds S. S. Board Of Statement

Dear Editor:

Re: "Sullivan Directs Revision" (*The Baptist Record*, November 4). In Dr. Sullivan's attempt to protect the Southern Baptists from "potentially inflammatory" materials, should he not be reminded of another Sunday School Board publication? Here are some excerpts from a statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, June 5, 1968, which was printed and distributed widely by the Board:

WE DECLARE OUR COMMITMENT:

... We will respect every individual as a person possessing inherent dignity and worth growing out of his creation in the image of God.

... We will refuse to be a party to any movement that fosters racism.

... We will strive by personal initiative and every appropriate means of communication to bridge divisive barriers, to work for reconciliation, and to open channels of fellowship and cooperation.

... We will strive to become well informed about public issues, social ills, and divisive movements that are damaging to human relationships. We will strive to resist prejudice and to combat forces that breed...

WE MAKE AN APPEAL:

... to our fellow Southern Baptists to engage in Christian ventures in human relationships, and to take courageous actions for justice and peace.

Should this action by the Southern Baptist Convention have been taken into consideration before the picture was withdrawn?

Corbin Cooper, Director
Department of Interracial Ministries
Baptist State Convention of N. C.

Approves SS Board Editorial Action

The Editor, Baptist Record,

It is with a lot of interest and much satisfaction that I read in this week's issue of the Record the account of the withdrawal of certain literature by our Sunday School Board and the resignation of the editor of the material involved.

Like many others, the first thought to come to mind was "How did the Editor ever make his way into the position of writing for the churches?" It seems to me that those in such positions should be very carefully examined to determine their position on such matters. And certainly the screening should involve those who issue literature for the Training Union. My church has returned writing in both cases when it was very evident that the purpose of the writer was race mixing and certainly NOT to teach God's Holy Word.

The editor is quoted as saying that the events here have caused The Southern Baptist Convention to lose ground in the matter of race relations. I want to be very explicit in disagreeing with him in that statement. It has NOT caused us to lose but to gain.

Now, the questioned literature deals directly with our children and young people and in my opinion it has been in that field that we Baptists have suffered our greatest loss and committed our greatest sins in our loose conduct of church affairs and other ways that so vitally mislead those who will soon be given the responsibility of spreading The Gospel. Many times I have seen Churches turned into a commercial-social gathering where my Savior was left outside. Many times I have found the 'Social gospel' placed ahead of 'The Blood of



Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

At my house I used to know everything, be able to do everything. I was really something great.

Lately, though, I don't know anything. Worse than that, I have lost all my abilities. Take driving, for instance. Every morning about 7:10 when I back my ears and bully my way into the Northside Speedway to drive to school, I am absolutely incompetent and should burn my driver's license, according to a certain teenage passenger, whose initials are FTF, who says I know not how to drive in or to drive out.

This same guy and a brother or two find great glee in dismantling almost every statement I make. The parts they find are ignorance, dullness, and a blah or two. The boys roll their eyes to the ceiling so often after I say something that I will not be surprised if one day all we can see permanently in the white of their eyes. If I make a statement that is not worthy of an eye-rolling, they give me the locked-eye treatment. They look at each other in utter amazement that anyone could make such a statement, and subtle smirks run around on their faces.

Recently they coined a yell to cheer my by adult standards, I am immediately rebuffed by younger standards; it died. The way I know is that one boy says to the other two, "Give me a D!"

They yell, "D!"
"Give me a U!"
"U!"
"Give me an H!"
"H!"
All together, "Duh!"

I wonder whatever happened to my pedestal.

JESUS CHRIST HAS CLEANSED US FROM ALL SIN." O! Foolish Baptist! Who hath bewitched you that you should not believe the truth. Our schools, our churches AND our homes have seemingly dismissed the thought of discipline but it still remains that "To spare the rod is to spoil the child."

And now this final thought about the editor involved. He is a graduate of one of our seminaries; so PLEASE TELL ME how he could ever be granted a degree or even a diploma from such great institution? Is that not proof that WE have failed our youth? I have been a Baptist for more than fifty years and in my opinion The Southern Baptist Convention is the greatest religious organization in history BUT we are falling apart because of that one word 'Compromise'.

T. B. Templeton
Natchez, Miss.

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Gulfshore

Great hosts of Mississippi Baptists love Gulfshore. The assembly, even in its single decade of service, made a place for itself in the hearts and lives of many people, young and old.

When Hurricane Camille destroyed the facility in 1969, there were many who wondered if it ever could come back, but there were many others who were determined that it should not be allowed to die.

A special committee studied the future of Mississippi Baptists' assembly and camp program for almost two years, and came to the 1971 state convention with a recommendation that the assembly be rebuilt on the Gulfshore site. After discussion, this recommendation was approved.

Implementation, which must include

working out financing, was placed upon the State Convention Board, and that Board, in its post convention meeting, voted to appoint a committee to proceed with planning for the rebuilding of Gulfshore. This must, of course, include developing plans for raising money for the project, as well as actual construction, so the committee has a tremendous responsibility. It needs the earnest prayers of every Mississippi Baptist that it may know how to proceed with its task.

Gulfshore will live again! This is the determination of Mississippi Baptists. However, it necessarily is going to take time for raising the funds and developing the plans. All of us must support this committee with our prayers, and later, with our gifts.

NEWEST BOOKS

LISTEN TO THE GREEN by Luci Shaw (Harold Shaw Publishers, paper, \$1.95) Here is a book of very fine poetry, by a poet who has a sense for melody and a talent for using the exact word needed to express each feeling. As Elizabeth Elliott said, "It is to the Maker of things that Luci Shaw sings and her songs... are lively."

WE FOUND OUR WAY OUT edited by James Adair and Ted Miller (Baker, paper, 122 pp., 75 cents) Dramatic personal testimonies that tell how God led from the confusion of false-religions and philosophies to a life of peace and joy in Christ. These courageous first-person accounts will give the reader new insight into false beliefs of Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, Rosicrucians, and others.

THE CHRISTIAN WHO REFUSED TO GO TO CHURCH by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner (Biblical Evangelism Press, Brownsburg, Ind., 25 cents each, 32 pp., paper) A sermon based on the story of Jotham (in II Chronicles) who "entered not into the temple of the Lord." The truths are applied to modern-day situations.

THE BOY WHO WAS DIFFERENT ... AND OTHER BIBLE STORIES by Velma Kiefer (Baker, paper, 122 pp., 95 cents) Familiar stories of Christ's birth, his childhood, and early public ministry, told in simple, vivid language, this is first of a series in a popular format that will attract children. Imaginative illustrations and twelve-point type make the book appealing. Third grade reading level.

THE MENACE OF NARCOTICS by Robert L. Sumner (Biblical Evangelism Press, paper, 72 pp., \$1.95) Chapter titles are descriptive of this book's contents: An Explanation and Description of Problem Drugs; The Growing Narcotic Problem; The Danger in Drug Abuse; "Fruits" On the Narcotic Tree; The Only Cure: Christ; What Should Be the Attitude of Christians?

MISSIONARY PROGRAMS FOR CHURCH GROUPS by Cecil Miller (Baker, paper, \$1.50, 73 pp.) Twelve missionary program guides, to help add interest to the monthly programs of the missionary society. A supplement gives three devotional programs, one general, one for Easter, one for Christmas.

Graham's Views On Jesus Movement

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Evangelist Billy Graham says in an article in the November 5 issue of Christianity Today magazine that the Jesus movement "by and large is a genuine movement of the Spirit of God that is affecting nearly every denomination and every social and educational stratum, and is causing discussion from the editorial room of the New York Times to the dining room of the White House."

"This highly encouraging development comes at a time when other thousands of American young people are involved with permissive sex, drugs, and violence on a scale that staggers the imagination," he says. While noting that extremes, dangers, pitfalls, and problems exist in

the movement — just as in the early Church, Graham says he studied the movement and found a number of "commendable features." He then lists ten of them:

1. The movement thus far centers in the person of Jesus Christ.
2. It is Bible-based.
3. It demands an experience with Jesus Christ — "an intense personal relationship with Jesus that... should condition every human life," in the words of Time.
4. It puts renewed emphasis on the Holy Spirit.
5. In it, young people have found a cure for drug addiction.
6. It is pushing churches to update their services and methods, providing opportunities for greater involvement of members and more dynamic relationships among them.
7. It stresses Christian

discipleship — almost "a new post-tanism" which may be "a reaction to the permissiveness of the past years." 8. It offers evidence of social responsibility: the movement is interracial, and many young people have started "all kinds of new social projects." 9. It possesses "great zeal for evangelism." 10. It emphasizes anew the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

In the article Graham asserts that Linda Kasabian, chief witness in the Manson trial, and her husband have been converted. He tells of an ex-Black Panther who has memorized most of the New Testament, and he cites the recent conversion of Christopher Pike, son of the controversial late Episcopal bishop. Young Pike gave his testimony at Graham's

Northern California crusade this past summer where, affirms Graham, "70 per cent of the audience every night was under twenty-five, and we had the greatest response to the Gospel I have ever witnessed in my years of evangelizing in the United States."

The evangelist also tells of a long briefing by "a man who is perhaps the nation's foremost drug expert" and quotes him as saying there is "absolutely no cure for a person who is hooked on hard drugs — except a religious conversion."

Admitting that he does not know what the ultimate impact of the movement will be or even whether it will last, Graham nevertheless hints that he believes it may be the "grand finale" revival the Bible predicts will occur "just before the Lord returns."

Are You Looking Now For New Record Albums?

Looking for new albums for your own enjoyment or for Christmas gifts? Here are recent releases from numerous producers.

The following record albums have been received in recent weeks. Those in the second section have been released in recent months.

Miscellaneous

The Cross and the Switchblade — Sound Track Music from the film starring Pat Boone (Light, LS-5530-LP)

The Pat Boone Family. The Boones have four teenage daughters; they join with their famous parents in this new recording. (Word-WST-8536-LP)

The Talley's Present VENTURES IN VARIETY — Widely known evangelistic team in field of music. (Word WST-8531-LP)

Ravenscroft Presents Great Hymns in Story and Song "Amazing bass voice." (Light-LS-5529-LP)

Now Hear This — Amen Choir — FBC, Van Nuys, Calif. (Light, LS-5539-LP)

Soloists

Color Him Love, by John McKay — Soloist and Music Director for the James Robison Evangelistic Team. (Zondervan, ZLP 818 S)

Saved by a Touch, by Jeanne Rogers — Soloist with the James Robison Evangelistic Team. (Zondervan ZLP 818 S)



Mr. and Mrs. Garcia

Garcias Become American Citizens

Raul and Ester Garcia, natives of Cuba, have this year become American citizens. An employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson, Mr. Garcia is maintenance assistant at the Baptist Building.

The Garcias, with their daughter, Carmen, flew to Miami on August 8, 1962. The following year, on April 10, they moved to Pass Christian where he joined the staff of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

Since April 25, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. Garcia have lived in Jackson. Now at 4543 Belle Meade Place, they are active members of Westview Church.

Mrs. Garcia, the former Ester Rasco, has been employed in the Department of Pathology at the University Hospital since December 20, 1968. She is a qualified histologic technician, certified by the Registry of Medical Technologists of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

Their daughter, Carmen, graduated from high school at Pass Christian and attended William Carey College for three years. On September 9, 1966, she was married to Eddie Gandy of West Point, Mississippi, in a wedding at White Cap, the commandant's house at Gulfshore which was destroyed in Hurricane Camille. Rev. Aaron Foy, pastor of Beach Boulevard Church, performed the wedding ceremony. (This wedding took place exactly one year after the September 9, 1965 Hurricane Betsy. During Betsy, the Garcias' Gulfshore apartment was ruined and the family lost most of their belongings. Mr. Garcia recalls that Broadmoor Church, Jackson came to their aid following that tragedy.)

Carmen and her husband, Captain Gandy, have just completed a two-year tour of duty in Italy. (She became an American citizen just prior to going to Italy.) With the Army Engineers, he is enroute now to Vietnam.

The Garcias are parents of the Garcias' cherished grandchild, April Ann, almost two — who speaks English, Italian, and Spanish! (Though the Garcias knew no English before coming to the States, they speak it well now.)

In Cuba, the Garcias lived at Las Villas, where he was employed with

819 S)

Dale Evans — It's Real — Songs of joy and gratitude to her Saviour (Word WST-8546-LP)

Kim Karmichael — Songs My Father Taught Me — Daughter of one of the best known Christian arrangers, director, and soloist of our day. (Light LS-5511-LP)

Truitt Ford — Soloist with the Haves — Test Broadcast, A. Toman. (Word WST-8525-LP)

Mary Jayne — My Wonderful Lord — Long a beloved singer (Word, WST-8471-LP)

Charley Pride — Did You Think To Pray — Mississippi born, nationally known artist. (RCA Victor-LSP-4513)

The Joyful Sound — Music from the program which succeeded the Old Fashioned Revival Hour (Light, LS-5548-LP)

Right Now — Bill Cole with Ralph Carmichael Strings (Light LS-5545-LP)

Caravan A-Caroling — the Caravan Singers — a California Concert Group sing Christmas carols. (Zondervan ZLP 748)

Youth

Something Good Is Going to Happen to You — Richard and Patti Roberts — From the Oral Roberts Television Program (Light LS-5522-LP)

Love Is — Featuring Richard and Patti Roberts and the World Action Singers of the Oral Roberts TV Program. (Light, LS 5563-LP)

Our Front Porch — Ralph Carmichael and the Young People (Light LS-5560-LP)

Reflection — Sonny Kalabury "Magic combination of message and music." (Word, WST-8534-LP)

Friends — A Music group from Koinonia Farm in southwest Georgia (Koinonia Records KR 3532)

Jesus the Rebel; also Jesus and Possessions. Lectures by Clarence Jordan. (Koinonia Records KR 3536)

Edge of Drifting — Byron Spradlin, Carl Stanley. Songs that speak to

youth. (Light LS 5559-LP)

For Teens Only — Dallas Holm. "Mind stickers." (Zondervan - Teen ZLP 810)

Good News — Cliff Richard — Billy Graham Film Star — (Word WST 8507-LP)

Take the Long Look — Mickey Holiday — "Songs of Testimony" (Zondervan Teen-ZLP 8225)

People Get Ready — The Jones Sisters — Daughters of Negro Evangelist Howard Jones (Word WST-8505-LP)

New Days with the Certain Sounds — Group from First Baptist, Van Nuys, California (Light-LS-5551-LP)

The Aristocats — And other Favorites about Cats — The Richard Wolfe Children's Chorus. (Camden-CAS 1124)

Favorite Songs and Stories for Children — Beautiful Bible songs and stories for boys and girls. (Zondervan Tot-ZL-820S)

These records are a little older but still releases of this year.

Choral Groups

Cliff Barrows directs the Gospel Chorists — (Zondervan — ZLP 716) Songs from the Cliff Barrows choir book sung by a group frequently heard on the "Hour of Decisions."

Radio Bible Class Men of Music Volume 2 (Word, WST-8512-LP) Featuring Clair Hess and Roy Felten with orchestra.

Songs To Live By — Richard Roberts and World Action Singers of Oral Roberts University (Light - LS-5518-LP)

Sunday With The King Family — 22 Best Loved Hymns (Light - LS-5514-LP)

Salvation Army 1000 Voice Chorus, with organ and international staff band (Word-WST-8468-LP)

Sing, O Sing, 2nd "All-Britain" Festival of male voice praise (Word-WST-9034-LP)

16 Singing Men — Volume Three Wonderful Peace (Zondervan - ZLP-575)

The Revival TIME Choir "Let The Whole World Know" (Ford - WST 8524-LP)

That Old Time Religion, The 130

Hymns For a Crowded World — Mennonite Hour Singers — A Capella (Word - WST-8501-LP)

Radio Bible Class; Men of Music — with Clair Hess and Roy Felten (Word, WST-8475 - LP)

Our Great Saviour — The John Lundberg Male Choir (Word, WST-8453-LP)

Ralph Carmichael Songs — Title song of Billy Graham film (Sacred LP 73046)

The Electric Church with Sonny Salsbury — The Reflection (Word - WST 8476-LP)

Looking for Love — Ralph Carmichael's Contemporary Sound (Light - LS 5510-LP)

Young - Ralph Carmichael and the Young People (Light - LS 5533-LP)

For the Love of Mike, Michael Allen (London, Records - PS 564)

The Young and Free - Goin' Somewhere — Ralph Carmichael (Word - WST-8503-LP)

Two A Penny — Cliff Richard—Billy Graham Film music (Light-LS-5530-LP)

Fred Smith - Smash and Grab World (Word 8478-LP)

The Lively Ones - Folk Group (Word - WST-8518-LP)

Natural High — A Folk Music About God's Son - Carmichael and Kaiser (Light LS 5558-LP)

Tedd Smith's Newly Vibrations - A Quest in Folk Rock (Light - LS-5561-LP)

In the Beginning God - Truths of the Bible in Word and Music - Directed to Today's youth (First Foundation - Starkville)

The Original Splendour Production—Thurlow Spurr and the Spurlows (Word - WST-8535-LP)

Vonda Van Dyke, New King of Happiness (Word 8519-LP)

SOLOISTS

Abide With Me — Anita Bryant (Word - WST-8532-LP)

Searching Questions - Richard Rob-

erts (Light - LS-5540-LP)

George Beverly Shea - I Am Not Alone (Camden - CAS 2445)

How Great Thou Art - Burl Ives (Word, WST-8437-LP)

Pass It On - Jamell Badry (Soloist at 1971 Mississippi Baptist Convention) (Word - WST-8506-LP)

George Beverly Shea, How Great Thou Art (RCA Victor - LSP-4120)

HAWAIIAN STYLE MUSIC

Sacred Music - Bud Tutmarc, Steel Guitar, and Lorin Whitney, Organ (Sacred - LP 73045)

Sacred Hawaiian Melodies, Vol. II - Bud Tutmarc (Sacred - LPS-74050)

SPECIAL RECORDS

Music From Transworld Radio (Word Stereo - WST - 8446-LP)

Judas - As told by Clarence Jordan — Also the man from Gadara (Koinonia Partners)

The Amazing Grace of God — Testimony of Jack Brown (Nur-Vel Music 70130)

Life Eternal - Life Abundantly, Evangelist Clyde Kendall - Messages for Christians (Clyde Kendall Evangelistic Assn.)

SPIRITUALS

Ladies of Song - Everybody Will Be Happy - Negro Woman's Group - (Word - WST-8472-LP)

Ladies of Song - The Soul of Gospel Music (Word - 3435-LP)

Willie Dorsey - The World's Most Exciting Gospel Singer - Negro Soloist (Word - 3430-LP)

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

The Gospel Truth, with Wendy Bagwell and the Sunliters (Victor - RCA-LSP 4056)

Beautiful Isle of Somewhere - Jake Hess and His Family Group (Camden - RCA-CAS 2268)

Walking the Country Road - Gospel Songs and Guitar of Bob Dalrymple (Word, WST-8508-LP)

Sounds of Fresh Waters - Merv and Merla (Word - WST-8463-LP)

The Marshallees Trio with Linda Bratton (Teen Line) (Zondervan ZLP-725)

The Lundstrom Team - Running Free (Canaan - CAS-9686-LP)

A Quiet Place with Bob Shepherd and the Blue Meadows (Light LS-5513-LP)

The Best Songs - of the Keller-York Team (Zondervan ZLP-717)

Cesby Musical Messengers (Zondervan, ZLP 721)

GOSPEL MUSIC QUARTETS, ETC.

The Gospel Music World of Wendy Bagwell and the Sunliters (RCA-LSP-4138)

The Lefevres Play Gospel Music (Canaan - CAS - 9652-LP)

The Lefevres - The Best Is Yet To Come (Canaan - CAS - 9661-LP)

Walkin' In God's Country - The Swordsmen (Light - LS 5525-LP)

The Vernons Sing A New Song and Ralph Carmichael adds a new sound (Light - LS-5515-LP)

Porter Wagoner and The Blackwood Brothers Quartet - Gospel Country (Victor - LSP-4034)

The Blackwood Brothers Quartet - Yours Faithfully (Victor - RCA - LSP-4029)

Tony Fontaine and The Statesmen - Standing on the Promises—(RCA Victor - LSP - 3939)

The Happy Goodman Family — This

BAPTIST RECORDS

Thursday, December 2, 1971



Sharon Hodges



Darle Hodges

Members Of Spireno Team To Appear At Youth Convention

Sharon Hodges, top photo, crusade pianist for the Spireno Revival Team of Houston, Texas, will be a guest pianist for the Mississippi Baptist State Youth Convention to be held December 27 and 28 in Jackson. She will accompany her husband, Darle, bottom photo, and other members of the Spireno team who will sing at the convention. Morning and afternoon sessions will be at First Baptist Church, Jackson, and night meetings at the City Auditorium. Richard Hogue of the Spireno Team will be featured speaker. This convention is sponsored jointly by the Church Training Department and the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Happy Ole House (Canaan, CAS 9683-LP)

The Heavenly Harmony of the Blackwood Brothers Quartet (Victor-RCA-LSP-4117)

McDuff Brothers — I Must Tell Jesus (Zondervan - ZLP 714)

James Blackwood Sings His Favorite Gospel Solos (RCA Victor - RCA LSP 4185)

Just A Closer Walk With Thee — The Blackwood Brothers Quartet (Camden - RCA CAS 2282)

Melody Four on the Move (Word - WST - 8467 - LP)

Glory To His Name, The Haven of Rest Quartet (Word, WST-8420-LP)

The Golden Streets of Glory — Dolly Parton (Victor - RCA LSP-4398)

State Choral Festival To Precede Youth Convention

The State Youth Choral Festival will begin at 1:30 p. m. on Monday, Dec. 27, at First Church, Jackson. (Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m.) The festival will focus on outstanding youth choirs and ensembles which have been selected by judges from the five District Festivals held in November.

Each of the top four groups will receive a trophy and will sing for the State Youth Convention which will immediately follow the youth choral festival. (The City Auditorium, Jackson, will be the scene of the kick-off for the Youth Convention, Monday, Dec. 27, at 7 p. m. Day sessions will be held at First Church, Jackson, Dec. 28, and the convention will close Tuesday night, Dec. 28.)

The music deans of the four Baptist

colleges have been invited to serve as judges for the State Youth Choral Festival. These four — Dr. Stan Richison of Blue Mountain, Dr. Jack Lyall of Mississippi College, James McElroy of Clarke College, and Dr. Donald Winters of William Carey, will be assisted by Dr. John Wilson of Chicago.

The following groups were selected by judges in the District Festivals to go to the State Youth Choral Festival. There are some possible alternates who may be selected if some of these groups cannot attend:

Midway Senior High, Jackson; Dennis McIntire, Director; First, Clinton, Ensemble; Tanner Riley, Director; Ridgecrest, Jackson, Senior High; Tom Moak, Director; First, Magee, Mixed; Paul Padgett, Director; First, Brookhaven, Mixed; Billy Souther, Jr., Director; Harrisburg, Senior High; Aubrey Gaskins, Director; First, Pontotoc, Girls Choir; Mrs. Lavon Moore, Director; First, Aberdeen; Mixed; Donald Moore, Director; First, Quitman, Mixed; Joe Joslin, Director; First, Hattiesburg, Sr. High; James Hayes, Director; Main St., Hattiesburg, Mixed; Bob Jones, Director; First, Columbia, Ensemble; Billy Jack Green, Director; First, Greenville, Mixed; Kenneth Forbus, Director; First, Kosciusko, Mixed; Derrell Billingsley, Director; and First, Leland, Mixed; Tommy Howard, Director.

These groups will receive a letter of invitation to participate in the State Youth Choral Festival.

Revival Dates

Cumberland (Zion):
December 5-10; Rev. Dan Springfield, pictured, full-time evangelist, preaching services at 7 nightly.

Trinity Church, Rosedale: December 5-10; Rev. Charles Williams, Central Church, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Rev. Donald Buckner, pastor.



On The Road To Ethiopia

MUNDANE MATTERS OF mechanics must be handled before missionaries can get to the people. Southern Baptist missionaries in Ethiopia serve the people as they witness. They are developing a handicraft school in the Menz District to help Ethiopians learn marketable skills. The handicraft school and a clinic will receive allocations from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year. An allotment of \$15,000 will enable missionaries to travel throughout the district.

Missionaries Give To Lottie Moon, Too

Who says the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions is something only the people back home do for missionaries?

And who says it is only for December?

Last August, more than a hundred Southern Baptist missionaries in East Africa, traveled to Limuru, Kenya, for their annual mission meeting. They had in tow more than a hundred of

their children.

Every family arrive dexcited over the fellowship and business ahead. One important project everybody had been planning and praying about since the previous year. It was the mission's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in August.

Children had been earning money so they could participate. Parents had been saving. The missionaries had set

a goal of \$2,500.

On Sunday thave gave their offerings. The total was \$2,651.

Said one missionary "on behalf of the group: "We count it a privilege to have a part in spreading the gospel in lands where we cannot go."

If Baptists in the USA give in proportion to the missionaries' generosity, they will exceed the \$16,750,000 Lottie Moon Offering goal for a total of \$17,755,000.

Names In The News

Rev. Joe Hollis Jelfcoat, pictured, was recently ordained to the ministry by the Hebron Church, Jones County. He had been called to the pastorate of Hillcrest, Laurel and his ordination was requested by the Hillcrest Church. Rev. Bruce S. Hilbun is interim pastor at Hebron.

Gerald Claxton, assistant professor of music at Mississippi College, will be presented in a faculty recital on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 8:15 p.m. in the Aven Fine Arts Auditorium. Claxton, popular lyric tenor, has been heard much in this area as a soloist with civic and school groups and in church meetings. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Perry Claxton of Greenville.

Anne Sullivan of Tylertown took first place for Mississippi College in the Persuasive Speaking Category at the Kentucky Colonel's Classic Debate Tournament held at Western Kentucky University. Miss Sullivan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Alvin Sullivan of Tylertown, was competing against some of the top debaters of the South. She is a senior speech major.

Bill Latham, associate, church training department, Mississippi Baptist Convention, attended an adult invitational seminar, Nov. 15-18 at the Church Program Training Center at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Sponsored by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the seminar was directed by Gene Wright and Bruce Powers, consultants for the department.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Schoolar, missionaries to Okinawa, are currently on emergency leave in the States (address: c/o J. W. Huckaby, 870 Oak Ave., Harahan, New Orleans, La., 70123). Schoolar is a native of Winston County, Miss.



Mrs. Ora Bates has received her 15-year pin for perfect attendance in Sunday school at Leesburg Church (Rankin). For many years she has been president and director of Woman's Missionary Union and has served in various positions in both Sunday School and Church Training. Mrs. Bates is pictured above at the homecoming service, November 21, of Leesburg Church celebrating the church's 80th anniversary. (Dr. A. A. Kitchings spoke. He was pastor of the Leesburg church more than 40 years ago.) Rev. Maurice F. Wicker is her pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Buckley, missionaries on extended furlough in the States, may be addressed c/o W. H. Jones, Rt. 4, Box 308-A, Picayune, Miss. 39466. Buckley is a native of Picayune; Mrs. Buckley the former Frances Goynes, born in Gibson, Miss.

Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, missionary who has completed a furlough in the States, was scheduled to return Nov. 16 to (address: Casilla 132, Chicago, Chile). Miss Ogburn was born in Selma, Ala., and grew up in Meridian, Miss. Prior to her appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1940, she was a Woman's Missionary Union field worker in Mississippi. US 2 TBN PIX side by side.

Memian Joe Chong of Itta Bena; James Edward McAtee of Jackson; and Tom Earl Prevost of Hazlehurst are students at Glen Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. Chong and Prevost are working toward Master of Divinity degrees, and McAtee is studying the Master of Theology degree.



Building Committee at Cedar Bluff: left to right, Rev. D. W. Patrick, Mary Rose Lyon, Mrs. Marvin Arney, Raymond Davis, Mrs. David Childers, David Childers, Roland Lyon. Another member, George Tribble was not present for the picture. In the background is the new pastorium.



Pastor's Family at Cedar Bluff—Mr. Patrick, Mrs. Patrick, Julie, Donna, Danny, Tamra (in front).

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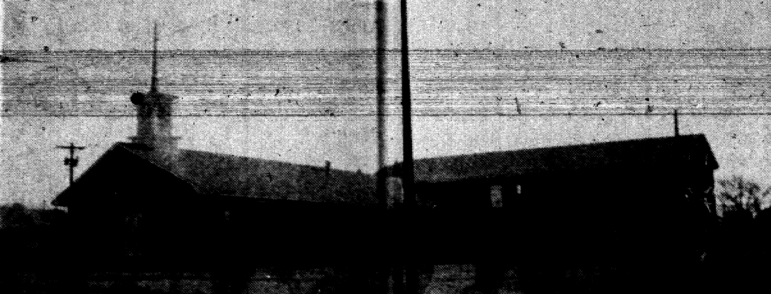
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Fairhaven Church, DeSoto County, was organized ten years ago.



The Meadowbrook Church was a mission sponsored by the Fairhaven Church when it was only six years old.

One Of "Thirty Thousand"

Fairhaven Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Fairhaven Church, DeSoto County, observed its tenth anniversary on November 28.

The church, one of the "Thirty Thousand Movement," never received pastoral aid, but did receive three installments of building aid. "Our people did appreciate this help, and it did not go in vain," states the pastor, Rev. Armond Taylor. "Our church has grown from 43 charter members to 206 enrolled in Bible study. We ap-

preciate the cooperative spirit among Baptists, and want to thank the Baptists across the state for their help."

Mr. Taylor has served the church as pastor since its beginning. The sponsoring church was First, Olive Branch.

In 1967 Fairhaven also sponsored a mission, in the Meadowbrook community. Meadowbrook, now a constituted church with full time program and pastor, received both pastoral

Cedar Bluff (Clay) Dedicates Pastorium

On November 7 the Cedar Bluff Church dedicated the new pastorium. Rev. Joel Haire, pastor of First Church, West Point, preached the dedication sermon; Rev. David Mahaffey, pastor, Siloam Church, led the congregation in singing, and sang a solo, "Bless This House." Other special music was given by Mr. and Mrs. David Childers and Todd.

After the dedication service, open house was held at the pastorium,

with the ladies of the church as hostesses. Friends from other churches in the county were present and they, along with local members, toured the house.

The three-bedroom home, completed in September by Wayne McMullin, contractor, has a living room, large den and kitchen, two full baths, large utility room, and multi-purpose room which may be used as dining room, study, or bedroom.

Pascagoula's Calvary Church To Present Original Christmas Dramatic Musical

The 50-voice Sanctuary Choir of Pascagoula's Calvary Church will present an original Christmas dramatic musical, Sunday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m.

The theme of the production is taken from the musical number, "Jesus's, There's Something About That Name." The "name" Jesus will be brought to life as huge styrofoam letters, spelling the name, Jesus, are brought down the church aisles by Cherubs. Each letter will have a significant meaning in revealing the message of the musical. Live scenes will be portrayed by characters in costumes on drama stages to complement the choir's yuletide musical numbers.

The script and drama has been written by Mrs. Byron Mathis, choir director, to depict the contrast of the lowly birth of Jesus, as his first entrance into the world; compared to his great second entrance which will be in triumph and majesty.

Accompanists for the program are Mrs. Van Graham, pianist, and Mrs. Larry Hollingsworth, organist. Narrations will be done by Rev. James Miller, associate pastor, and Buddy Mathis, youth evangelist. Mrs. Laurie Burkes and Mrs. Ruby Baggett have assisted in the planning of the musical. Serving on the dramatic committee are: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Weaver, Chairmen; Mrs. Bob Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Stokes, Miss Ginger Huff, Mesdames R. L. Daves, Sally Farris, Merle Ivy, and Nancy Coon.

Rev. Byron Mathis, pastor, extends a cordial welcome to the public.

Ruth Woodley Dies At Iuka

Ruth Glenn Woodley, resident of Iuka, died Oct. 23, 1971, in the Tishomingo County Hospital in Iuka, after a stay there of three and one-half months.

She was a member for a number of years and where her father and older brother were deacons for years before preceding her in death. Rev. Harris Counce, Iuka pastor, officiated. Jerry Swimmer was soloist.

Miss Woodley was interested in her church and enjoyed working in it before suffering a stroke in 1958. Even after she became inactive she wanted to attend church services.

Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery. Survivors are three sisters: Mrs. Ruby Campbell and Mrs. Monty Hubbard of Iuka; and Mrs. Gertrude Flurry of Perkinson; one brother, Lamar Woodley of Gulfport.

and building aid. Those on program for the anniversary service on November 28 included Rev. Vance Marberry, Rev. Alvin Kitchen, Lemoyne Brigrance, Dan Ellis, Marvin Camp, Rev. Ervin Brown, Joe C. Nichols, and Pastor Taylor.

Fairhaven church, two miles from Olive Branch, was begun November 19, 1961, as Miller Mission. The members first met in a glass shop and then in a store, before moving into the present buildings in 1963. The mission was constituted as Fairhaven Church in July, 1963, with 43 charter members.

The buildings, now valued at \$100,000, are on a two and one-half acre site donated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nichols, charter members. The church also owns a pastorium.

The pastor is a native of Louisiana where he attended Acadia Baptist Academy. He earned a B. A. degree from Blue Mountain and Master of Divinity degree from Memphis Theological Seminary.

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Branch Calls Pastor

Rev. Blackburn H. Ross Sr. has accepted the call of Branch Church near Morton, moving on the field November 1. He resigned from West End Church in Louisville where the church attendance had doubled, the offerings had almost doubled, the 10% pledge was met, and the church was back into action; and the church received 31 new members during his ministry as well as many improvements and repairs made, including installing and paying for air-conditioning for the auditorium.

Mr. Ross earned a diploma in drafting at Hinds Jr. College and attended Clarke College and Mississippi College. He has pastored and preached in many churches in Mississippi and Louisiana. He is a native of Vicksburg. He, his wife, and daughter, Cathie are pictured above.

Sledge Calls Pastor

Rev. William J. McDaniel has accepted the pastorate of Sledge Church and with his family arrived in Sledge on November 22 to assume his duties.

Mr. McDaniel attended N. W. J. C., Memphis State University, and New Orleans Seminary.

He was ordained by Elliston Avenue Church, Memphis, Tennessee, where he and Mrs. McDaniel lived for a number of years.

Mrs. McDaniel was the former LaJuana June Lindsey of Jackson, Tennessee. They have two sons, Steve 17, and Chuck 15.

He has been pastor of Locke station Church, Panola County, for the past three years.

He succeeds Rev. Frank J. Cole, former pastor of Sledge Church, who recently became pastor of the Kellyton, Alabama, church.



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God Fulfills His Covenant Promise To The People Of Israel

By Clifton J. Allen

Luke 1:1-9; 2:25-38

The focal point of concern in this lesson is to point up the continuity of the Old Testament in the New Testament relationship between Judaism and Christianity. The Old Testament pointed forward to the coming of Jesus, who was indeed the fulfillment of the covenant promise to the people of Israel. The Bible pas-



sages chosen for study show that he was the fulfillment of Jewish faith and hope. Thus the truth is impressed that God's promise of a Savior was fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

The Lesson Explained
Praise For God's Redemption
(1:68-79)

The setting for this hymn of praise, called the Benedictus, must be kept in mind. An angel of the Lord announced to Zechariah, serving as a priest according to the order of the priesthood, that he and Elizabeth, now in their old age, would have a son. In the course of time, the child was

born. This hymn is much more than an outburst of joy; it is prophetic of the wondrous purpose and doings of God. Zechariah recognized the Lord God of Israel acting in history and spoke as though God's redemption were already accomplished.

Even though Zechariah's word breathed a nationalistic spirit, he was declaring that God was fulfilling the promise spoken by the prophets. God was showing the mercy promised to the fathers of Israel, and God was fulfilling his covenant with Abraham, all to the end that his people might serve him in holiness and righteous-

ness. Zechariah then spoke of the mission of the son born to him and Elizabeth. He would be called a prophet of the Most High. He would give the knowledge of salvation in terms of the forgiveness of sins growing out of the mercy of God. All this pointed to the coming of "the dayspring from on high," that is, the coming of the Messiah to give light to those in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide his people in the way of peace.

Witness to God's Salvation
(2:25-32)

Simeon, like Zechariah and Eliza-

beth, represented Jewish piety and faith. He was one of a group of devoted people earnestly looking for the consolation of Israel, that is, for the fulfillment of the messianic promise. The Holy Spirit had impressed on him that he would live to see the Lord Christ or the Messiah. Thus when Jesus was presented in the Temple, Simeon took the child into his arms and declared his awareness of what God was doing to fulfill his promise and to save his people. Simeon felt that he was ready to depart this life in peace, for the highest purpose of his life had been realized; he had seen the salvation of the Lord. He recognized in the child Jesus the crucial event in salvation history, the coming of one to be the Savior of all peoples, a light to the Gentiles, and a fulfillment of Israel's mission and glory.

Confidence in God's Promises

One of the central truths set forth by this lesson is the faithfulness of God to his redemptive purpose for mankind and the trustworthiness of God in bringing to fulfillment his promises for his people. The mighty God of Israel is always the same. He is the God of holiness and righteousness. He is the God of redemption and salvation. He is the God of mercy and judgment. He is the God whom we worship through Jesus Christ and in whom we have hope by his Spirit. In the coming of Jesus Christ he visited and redeemed his people. And therefore we can put our trust and confidence in his promises for continuity and fulfillment in world redemption and for mercy and help toward all people who put their faith in Jesus Christ.

Truths to Live By

God brings salvation.—The sublime insight which came to Zechariah and Simeon was that God was acting in history to bring salvation to the people of the world.

God chose an aged couple, beyond the time of childbearing to bring into the world a child who was to become the forerunner of the Messiah. God chose an aged worshiper, longing for the consolation of Israel, to give witness to the truth that the child Jesus would be the means of salvation for all peoples. God chose Mary, a virgin, to become the medium of the Redeemer's incarnation, the mother of Jesus in the flesh. In his wisdom and mercy and through his providence God uses persons as the instruments of his holiest purposes. He can use

best persons of Christian faith and moral uprightness and stability, persons with open and trained minds and dedicated talents, and persons of spiritual understanding and emotional maturity.

Christ is the answer to the deepest yearning of mankind.—There is something of yearning on the part of people everywhere for the salvation of the Lord. That salvation is in Jesus Christ. When Simeon saw him, he was satisfied, satisfied to the point that he felt the perfect fulfillment of his earthly life. And so it is, the yearnings of people everywhere for a knowledge of the true God, for a sense of worth and meaning, for relief from guilt and a sense of inner peace, for strength to live in a world of suffering and sorrow and confusion and frustration, and for certain hope of life after death, are all satisfied when one knows Christ in faith and in the experience of his abundant life.

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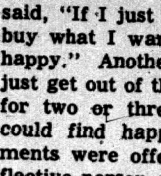
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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Christ Calls To Commitment

Luke 9:23-32
By Bill Duncan

While working as a student aide in a psychiatric hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, John McClanahan overheard a conversation among a group of patients returning from a walk and he tells it in his book, *A Call to Contemporary Discipleship*. The patients were discussing what would make them happy and well. One person said, "If I just had enough money to buy what I want, I know I could be happy." Another said, "If I could just get out of this hospital and travel for two or three months, I know I could find happiness." Other comments were offered. Finally one reflective person said, "I think you are all wrong. You are looking for happiness in the wrong way. If we are to be happy, I think all of us are going to have to find something bigger than ourselves to live for and then give ourselves wholeheartedly." The statement is true.



This is what Christianity is all about. To be a disciple of Christ means one gives himself wholeheartedly to the purpose of God each day. It is strange but true, in giving and losing self, you gain and find self.

Discipleship is discovering a level of life which transforms the daily routine and enables us to experience the spirit of a happening that is heavenly in the daily occurrences of day to day living. Life in and under the Lordship of Christ is a growing experience that is intoxicating and contagious.

The Call

Jesus said, "If any man will come after me," The presence and personal-

ity of Jesus created a situation where men and women came to hear what the great Teacher had to say. Jesus would invite them to become disciples. Some began to follow for the things that Jesus could do. But always the call was to believe him and trust him. There was a time when the Christians were called believers. They had responded to his claims and call in "faith."

What does it mean to respond to the call of Christ in discipleship? (1) Christian religion is based upon accepting factual knowledge and evidence. A person must believe Jesus and about him what our hearts lead us to accept. (2) For a person to accept the call of Christ he must love Jesus Christ. This love for Christ is the foundation on which "the superstructure of faith must be built." Without the emotion of love our religion cannot be sustained. (3) When the call of Christ comes, a response of the total person is required. A person must give himself wholeheartedly to the Christ. When Christ calls, he wants the belief of our minds, the love of our hearts, and the surrender of our wills.

In the verses of Luke 9:27-32, there were some who wanted to be disciples but found excuses for not surrendering their wills then. These may have been enthusiastic until they found what it would really cost.

The Commitment

Commitment to Jesus was costly. It means to give up one's self. This is not easy or sudden. This comes about through discipline. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "that one could learn the secret of freedom, save by discipline." The command of Jesus is hard, unutterably hard, for those who try to resist it. But for those who willingly submit, the yoke is easy, and the burden is light.

The idea of disciplining yourself un-

til you can give the best of which you are capable is serving God and man in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. Christian discipleship is about discipline which denies self so that self can relate qualitatively to God and to neighbor.

Jesus used the term, "cross," to identify the crucifixion which signified a dreadful punishment. To take up our cross means to be prepared to face things like that for loyalty to God. It means to be so committed as to be ready to endure the worst that man can do to us for the sake of being true to God.

If a person is not loyal to Christ now in discipleship, there will come a time when the truth will be known. Even if by our lips we confess, but with our lives and commitment we disown, there will come a time when He can do no other but disown us.

The Conditions

These are the conditions for a complete and happy life of a committed Christian.

He must begin as a learner. The learning experience of a Christian ideally begins in early childhood, and continues until the aged person loves his God with all his heart and delights to read his Bible and talk about his Saviour. We are always learning. The teacher is Jesus Christ.

He must proceed as a lover. All the truth He learns deepens his love for the Teacher who is truth incarnate. This love involves absolute loyalty. Because he has experienced love, he can now love as God loves him.

He becomes a doer. If you would be the person Christ calls you to be, your response must include a commitment to the will of God. True belief demands action. A person learns by doing and by being acted upon.

Bellevue Celebrates 19th Anniversary

Bellevue Church, Lamar County, Route 4, Hattiesburg, observed its nineteenth anniversary with homecoming on Sunday, December 5.

Church and lunch was served at the church, reports Rev. James L. Yates, pastor.

National Bus Clinic Planned In Florida

A National Church Bus Evangelism Clinic will be held Dec. 16-17 at First Baptist Church, 316 Church St., Port Orange, Fla. 32019 (phone: 767-3482).

The pastor, Rev. Robert M. Miller, states that the clinic is for all pastors, staff members, and laymen involved in or interested in outreach evangelism through the church bus ministry.

Program personalities will include William A. Powell, Home Mission Board; S. Ray Sadler of Nashville, Tenn., and Gardner Gentry of Louisville, Ky., who have had successful bus ministries in their churches; the host pastor; Millard Zuber, bus director of First Church, Port Orange; Jim Atkins, bus director, Morgan Memorial Church, Greenville, S. C.; and James A. Ponder, director of evangelism, Florida Baptist Convention. The cost is \$10 per person.

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Devotional

Jesus Prepares His Disciples For The Holy Spirit

By DR. HARRY LEE SPENCER, JACKSON

A major emphasis, especially in the later part of Christ's earthly ministry, was the preparation of his disciples for the coming and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We need to see this against the background of the Holy Spirit's part in the very beginnings of the Gospels.

In Matt. 1:18b "... She (Mary) was found to be with child of the Holy Ghost." In Luke 2:25 "And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Ghost was upon him, and it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ."

And when Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus into the Temple to do for him according to the custom of the law, Simeon took the child in his arms and said, "Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen the salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel." Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against, (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also) that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:28-35.)

When Jesus was baptized of John the Baptist in the river Jordan "... lo, the heavens were opened unto him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him, and lo, a voice from heaven saying; This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:16-17). Again in Matthew 4:1, "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted."

In the last days of his earthly ministry he gives his disciples many detailed instructions and much information about the coming and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. John 14:16, "I will pray the Father and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." John 15:26, "When the Comforter is come whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."

Luke 24:49, "And behold I send the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be indued with power from on high."

John 16:7, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth, it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you." Then Jesus goes on to say that "when he comes he will not speak of himself for he shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you" (John 16:13-14).

There are at least two things that are involved in and that really make this expediency. First I would say is the mediatorial ministry of Christ. In Hebrews 7:25, "Wherefore he is able also to save them unto the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." This ministry is again mentioned in 1 John 1:1b, "... And if any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

The second thing in this expediency is the fact that without the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit the disciples would be utterly powerless to carry out the Great Commission which Jesus had given them.



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Clarke Group Visits Baptist Building

A LARGE CLASS in religious education from Clarke College, led by Dr. Charles Melton, professor of religious education, visited the Baptist Building recently learning of Baptist life and work. This is part of the "in-service" ministry sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department under direction of Therman V. Bryant, associate in department. The photo taken in chapel of building, shows Dr. Melton in center of front row, with Mr. Bryant on left end of front row.



Profile: US-2er

THIS FILMSTRIP gives a capsule view of volunteers who serve in the exciting Home Missions ministry as a US-2er. This ministry, under the direction of Ed Seabough in the Department of Missionary Personnel, involves the appointment of about 25 young college graduates each year. They serve throughout the nation. Color filmstrip with record, 45 frames, 5 minutes \$6.50. Available in Baptist Book Stores.



Roumanian Young People Sing

ROUMANIAN young people sing in Roumanian Baptist Church service at the Church of Our Saviour Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois. The Polish congregation is sharing its building.



LAURIE KIRKLAND, Clarke College Sophomore from Jackson, lights one of the bulbs in Clarke's annual "Lottie Moon Star."



Homecoming Queen

William Carey College's 1971 Homecoming Queen this year was Wanda Tullis of Clinton. A junior, Wanda was selected to reign over Homecoming festivities on Saturday, December 4, on the Carey campus. She was surrounded by six lovely maids chosen by the students, one of whom was her younger sister, Yvonne Tullis who served as freshman homecoming maid. The senior maid was Miriam Moss of Laurel; the junior maid was Linda Cassidy of Milton, Florida; the sophomore maid was Becky Ware of Mobile; the basketball maid was Patricia McLeod of Lucedale; and the maid-of-honor was Betty Lewis of Hattiesburg.

Starkes, secretary of the department of interfaith witness, Home Mission Board; Miss Meredith Moore, director of Baptist campus ministries at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va.; David Hicks, BSU director at the University of Mississippi; Tony Romeo, BSU director at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green; Ron Brown, Baptist campus minister in Roanoke, Va.; Jim Fitch, supervisor of young adult section, Sunday School department, Sunday School Board; and Miss Nell Magee, consultant in leadership development, national student ministries of the Sunday School Board.

"Encounter" will be under the direction of Charles Roselle, secretary of national student ministries.

Clarke's Annual "Lottie Moon Star" Is Shining

Students at Clarke College, annually undertake what seems to be an impossible task; lighting all the bulbs on a giant silver star which hangs in the Recital Hall of the Lott Fine Arts Building. The task seems overwhelming because a bulb can be turned on only when seventy-five dollars has been raised, and there are thirty-five bulbs on the star. A large light directly in the center is reserved for

the final thrust toward the goal and its lighting represents three hundred seventy-five dollars, making a total contribution to the Lottie Moon Offering of three thousand dollars from the Clarke College campus.

Contributions are counted as they are given and each Thursday during the months of November and December a portion of the chapel hour is given to turning on additional lights. As the glowing bulbs testify to the mounting monetary evidence of love and concern, the students, faculty, and

staff sing together, "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah."

Clarke College, among the eleven junior colleges operated by state Baptist conventions, has more of its alumni on foreign mission fields than any of the other Baptist junior colleges. Visiting home and foreign missionaries are regular chapel guests and a well-furnished home on campus is annually occupied by missionaries on furlough.

Before the end of the semester, December 19, it is anticipated that the goal will have been reached and the Clarke "Lottie Moon Star" will be in full glow once again.

"Pot" Doesn't Cost Much-Or Does It?

"While the debate over marijuana rages, teen-agers play a dangerous game of attempting to beat the law by using it. What if they get caught? Probably, on first offense, they'd get a suspended sentence and never serve a day in jail. So what difference does that first offense make?"

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He can enlist in the military service, but will not have a choice of service and will possibly be assigned to a labor battalion.

—First Baptist Voice
Dallas, Texas

Students At Hospital

Plan Christmas Parties

Students in Mississippi Baptist Hospital's educational programs have lined up a variety of activities for the Christmas holiday season, according to Miss Kathy Bearden, coordinator of student activities.

They will host approximately 25 children from the Baptist Children's Village Thursday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center at the hospital.

On December 15, students of the School of Practical Nursing will visit Friends of Alcoholics on Pocahontas Road to present a program of Christmas songs and stories.

During the early evening of December 16, the students will sing Christmas carols in the hospital. Lights in the corridors will go out while the carolers walk through holding candles as they sing.

The best way to get rid of enemies is to make friends of them.

Study the Bible to be wise; believe it to be safe; practice it to be holy.

Be patient with the faults of others; they have to be patient with yours.

The Bible promises no leaves to the looter.

"Powerline" To Spot New Rock Opera

"Powerline" will spotlight the new contemporary rock opera, *Truth of Truths*, in a two-part presentation beginning December 12 and concluding December 19. *Truth of Truths* encompasses the total story of God's redemptive love. It begins with the creation story and continues through the resurrection, ending with a triumphant shout that "He is coming and soon." *Truth of Truths* is a man and ended with the crucifixion. *Truth of Truths* purports to tell the "whole truth."

The 27 songs in the show were written by various composers and compiled over a period of 4½ years by Ray Ruffin.

December 12 will feature Old Testament based selections, "Creation" and "Prophecies of the Coming Messiah."



of *Truth* was Spirit-filled and many responded.

Those responding did not all join Fairview Church — there were other denominations responding, Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, and others. Several came to profess their faith with the wish to join with other churches.

Comments about the performances included, "a spiritual experience," "I have never been moved," "what spontaneous witness" . . . and others.

The performances not only moved the area high-schools and college students, but the business community as well. . . . and the results have been seen in the change of many lives.

JOT Wins Award

An episode in the Southern Baptist "JOT" cartoon series has won honorable mention in the Chicago International Film Festival.

JOT, the main character in the series, is an animated dot with the personality of a child, age 5 to 10. The programs, five minutes in length, each present a moral lesson in an entertainment format.

In the winning episode, JOT gains a deeper insight into the nature of the universe while doing his own musical interpretation of the creation story from Genesis.

Fairview Church, Columbus

Spirit Moves Through 'Natural High'

By H. G. Earwood, Jr.
Minister of Music

The Holy Spirit of God moved in a mighty way as the 60-voice Chapel Choir of Fairview Church, Columbus, performed "Natural High."

"Natural High," a folk musical about God's Son. After weeks and weeks of practice, and special weekly prayer meetings, the young people singing the musical were naturally high on Jesus. As a result of their witness, a great moving of the Holy Spirit brought over forty professions of faith, some by letter, many rededications, and one commitment to fulltime Christian service.

The original performance was set for October 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Publicity of the event had been featured on radio, television and in the newspaper, and a large crowd was expected. As time drew near for the performance, however, the full staff of deacons and ushers were called into duty to bring folding chairs, open the outer areas of the church and try to provide for the growing crowd. Those arriving at 7:00 p.m. were hard-pressed to find seats, for the aisles were already filling. When the aisles were filled, some sat in the window recesses, and many others stood in the aisles and along either side of the church to view the performance. The tremendous crowd delayed the beginning of the performance by 30 minutes, as the planned entrance of the cast down the aisles had to be reviewed by the minister of music.

All available space taken, the Fairview ushers had to turn away approx-

Today's Youth

imately 200 persons who had come to see "Natural High." During the finale, the choir sang, "The Moment of Truth Is Here For You." For many . . . it was! The pastor, Rev. Luther Litchfield, extended the invitation which became quite lengthy as people lined-up to come forward, many with tears flowing as they came to profess their convictions.

When the performance was finished, those that did not respond left the church Spirit-filled and many seen and heard.

Pastor Litchfield and Director Earwood conferred with the Chapel Choir, and it was decided to have a second performance for those turned away.

On Tuesday, November 2, the choir presented "the second" performance of "Natural High." As before, the church was filled by 7:00 p.m., every available space had been taken and again many people were turned away. As the invitation was given the Spirit moved a great number to respond.

Another conference, and still another performance was decided upon. This time, on Sunday evening, November 7 at 7:30 p.m., the 3rd performance of "Natural High" was presented by the Fairview Chapel Choir. The aisles and all other available space was filled for this performance. Again, the invitation at the "Moment

of Truth" was Spirit-filled and many responded.



THE CHAPEL Choir of Fairview Church, Columbus, has recently held three performances of the folk musical "Natural High."

POWERLINE

LIFELIGHT FOR TEENS

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TRY LOVE TO MELT MOTHER'S "HATE"

I am a 16-year-old girl with a serious problem. My mother hates me, or at least she acts like it. Everything I do seems wrong. I have been staying in my room whenever I am at home. I will do anything to get my mother and me back together.

Many things unknown to you could cause Mom to act as she does. You've written to ask a perfect stranger about something you don't want to discuss with anyone close to you. Maybe your mother has irritating worries that she doesn't feel free to share with you.

Whatever the problem, the solution isn't for you to withdraw into your room. Isolation can cause trouble even between people who are getting along well. Keep the lines

of communication open. You say you would do anything to get you and your Mom together. Beautiful! That's how Christ felt about you. But He didn't wait for YOU to change. The Bible says that He died for us "while we were still sinners." Try that approach with your Mom. Start working with her just as she is. First, make sure you're on right terms with God, letting Him have complete control over your conduct. Then pick a time and strike up a conversation with Mom—talk about anything. When you've eased into the main subject tell her, honestly but gently, just how you feel. If she doesn't go along with you the first time, drop it. Be forgiving and tactfully try again another time. Love, patience, gentleness. This is God's way, and He works miracles with it for those who trust Him.



Receive Bible Dictionaries

One of the points emphasized in the Bible Searchers Sunday School Class of McLaurin Church (Forrest County) is memorizing the verses to Remember with each lesson. The girls pictured above have just been presented with "Bible Dictionaries for Young Readers" by their teacher for reciting from memory every verse for the entire church year. Left to right: Alice Faye Lott, Robbie Dunkley, Marlene Bosarge, Ann Murry, Kathy Fillingame, and Mrs. Joncie Howell, teacher.

Students Distribute Scripture Portions

Connie Bryant and Paul Bryant, members of Baptist Student Union, Delta State College, are shown distributing scripture portions.

During National Bible Week, the Baptist Student Union of Delta State College received permission from the college administration to distribute *Good News For Modern Man*, Today's English Version of the New Testament, and other scripture portions to the students on campus. A table was set up in the student union building on campus, and students manned the table throughout each school day.

The New Testaments and other scripture portions were more eagerly received than the Baptist Student Union had anticipated. More than twice as many as were available could have been distributed to students who wanted them.

Plans are already being made to distribute the scripture portions on a much wider scale during National Bible Week in 1972.